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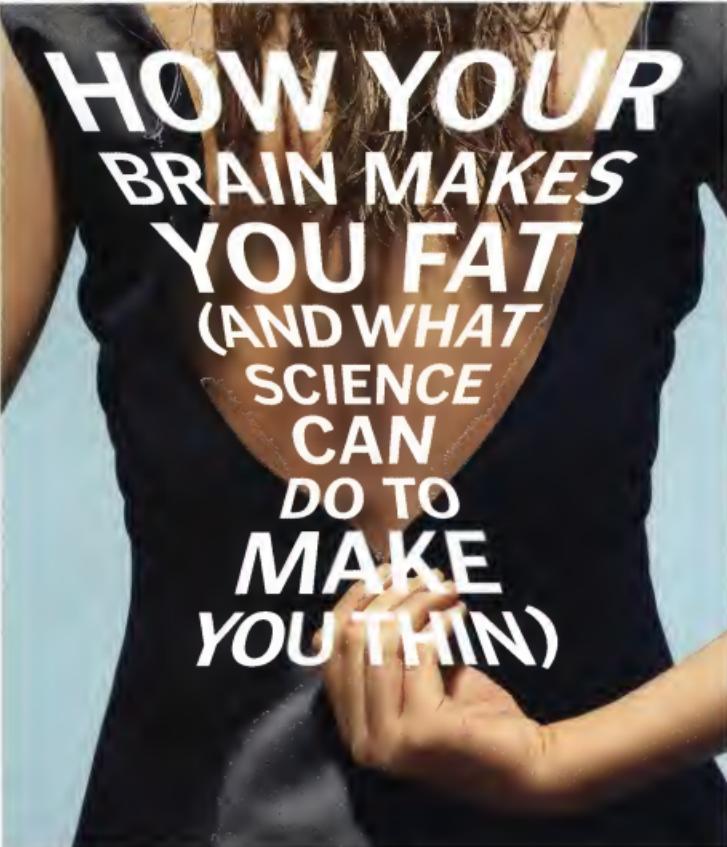
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"I voted for the Liberals in the last election, but I am prepared to vote them out. I feel they haven't done anything but look after themselves." —Island Geneva, Sainte-Croix

Buttons and bows

I am not disappointed in your cover story on Bellinda Stronach ("Bellinda billions," April 18). It is another piece in which the writer reduces a strong woman to what she's wearing. Surely the emphasis that Stronach is fashionable, hip and good for the Conservatives image could have been made with our constantly renewing her wardrobe? An article about a male politician that reflected repeatedly on his clothing would be much more interesting. —Marshall McLean, Ottawa

The article on Bellinda Stronach was a great read, and long. "You go girl!"

Wendy Litchfield, Port, Ont.

Bellinda Stronach was hired to the highest corporate level of her dad's corporation. In reality, the average woman who struggles and disciplines herself to complete an education, seems contented in a relationship and raise a family will hardly relate to Stronach. I suggest that if Stronach really wants the opportunity to give back, she should serve a year with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

Shane Lascle, Lethbridge, Alta.

Interestingly, your article seems to answer the question of whether Mr. Stronach has substance. Who, why would he hire a high earning them? Pictures of her dress? Please! I will be using this article when I discuss with my sixth grade students how women are still objectified by the media. I want reinforcing my MacLean's is the teaching tool that Glasgow and Stevenson usually are during this lesson.

Rebecca Rose, Waterloo, Ont.

Bring on the dirt

In your politics story about the latest round of Gomery disclosures ("Are we scandalized?" April 18), you suggest that Canadians are more focused so much to conspiracy when we think it's business as usual. You're going to be kidding. Living on the dirt and glue to us straight. This party of thieves has



given away too much for too long. It's time for an overthrow of a corrupt regime.

Patrik Belin, Galt

Everybody is upset about the Liberal corruption exposed by the Gomery inquiry. I think, the outrage is accompanied by the belief that all politicians are liars, cheaters and cheats. This is unjust and really hypocritical in the case of corporate corruption afflicting such companies as WorldCars and Merrill. They've lost an average of three cents (\$300 billion) divided by 35 million people in Canada due to the sponsorship scandal, while corporate fraud has wiped out billions of dollars worth of savings and investments. —Matthew Steer, Vancouver, B.C.

Adscam bunny | The political scandal just keeps on going and going

Hey, are people not angry over the Gomery revelations, and while some credit Paul Martin for calling the inquiry, most want to throw his party out. "The Liberal's been violated the fundamental principle that government must be above reproach when it comes to handling Canadian tax dollars," writes Steve McNeil of Halifax, N.S. "We must not let them off scot-free."

The average fib by Quebecers over the testimony at the Gomery inquiry is justified, and just as justified is their outrage that the opposition press is attacking this government off the hook by not forcing an election. As a one time ardent federalist and current resident of Quebec, what are my opinions? Support the crooks who are currently leading us, or support the separatist faction that threatens the future of our society? —Shawn O'Carroll, St. Maurice-de-Kildare, Que.

I have no love for or against Paul Martin's government with Jean Chretien's son. There was no love lost between the two men, and Martin, to give him credit, did investigate the Gomery inquiry instead of just trying to sweep the whole thing under the carpet. To bring the government down over that non-surprise is ridiculous. Save the taxpayers' money for better things, please!

Gillian Wallace, Ottawa

Blood on the ice

If I keep paper wet, it's adorable, would we feel such a sense of protection and outrage at their death? ("Sell heart, understanding the truth in the propaganda war," Up Front, April 10). Furthermore, the argument that they are just babies cannot possibly hold water, given the fact that our grocery stores are packed with infant cereal and lamb. I am not a fan of the seal hunt, nor do I eat lamb or veal, but I do think people should put their pointy fingers back in their pockets and climb down off their soap boxes.

Matthew O'Connor, Ottawa

The whole world is watching the spectacle of hunting, butchering and skinning alive hundreds of thousands of baby seals on Canada's ice floes. If you wear fur, say for, you must share the blame for this bloodshed. The fur industry says it is killing more seals this year because of an increase in demand for fur—all for. Any one who buys or wears a mink coat, a fox coat, or even a jacket trimmed with rabbit fur is helping to create an environment of demand for the pelts of these baby seals.

Paula Morris, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, North Vancouver, B.C.

Homotalk and a sense of justice
I just read your cover story about the impending release from prison of Sheila Blo-



Rights are the same for everyone, a reader says. "There aren't different rights for pink people."

nikila ("Get them down," March 21) and the possibility that various levels of government could legally track her movements thereafter. It would have been better if she had been released on parole so that she could have been supervised. Now, authorities have to be careful about how they treat her, giving her good points to us. That would be all we need: taxpayers paying her for the system's mistakes.

Brian Beattie, Kitchener, Ont.

Maclean's did an excellent job of summarizing the opinion Homotalk has since the leaves prides. I now better understand why it is important for the government to keep tabs on her. However, in keeping with the sentiments Bob Levitt expressed about remembering the supreme in his Executive Editor's Letter, a better option for your cover picture would have been photos of Leslie McLean, Kristen French and Shirley Homotalk.

Horace Milne, Port Moody, B.C.

The right to marriage

So, long-time Conservative Stanley Hart believes that gays should be denied the marriage label and be called instead to a regime of civil unions ("Gays and red bunnies," Up Front, April 18). "This would leave those who feel that their status has somehow been lowered by the withholding of the term 'married' in the impossible legal position of claiming a right to a word," he writes. That's right, he's tickin' 'em. Hart does not

seem to understand that there aren't different rights for pink people and blue people, other people and tall people. Moreover, minorities are supposed to have their rights protected, not be tickled out of them instead. —Paul Casper

Hart's entry contains red herrings itself. His claim no court has intervened a question about civil unions. In fact, courts have, in B.C. and Massachusetts. He says millions of Canadians who "believe there is no need for special programs to be made on their backs" are "hard-working, law abiding, taxpaying, God-fearing people." So are several gay couples I know.

Caronni MacLean, Kitchener, Ont.

I believe Hart is correct—the issue is the word "marriage." The Parliament of Canada does not have the capability of redefining words in the English language, nor is that its role. The billion or more people in this world who speak English understand that marriage refers to a relationship that involves a man and a woman. As Hart points out, "the concept of same-sex marriage is terminologically synonymous." What is needed is a different and appropriate way of describing same-sex relationships.

David Bain, Mississauga, Ont.

I cannot reason why allowing gay and lesbian couples to be married (in a marriage and not just a civil union) should in any way detract from a straight couple's marriage or

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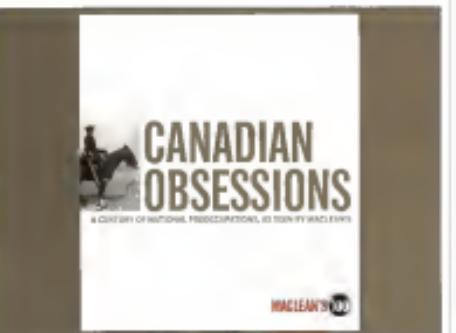
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Book editor Pamela Young and photo editor/designer Janice Van Eck mined Maclean's archives to uncover the images and words that best reflect 100 enduring Canadian preoccupations.

For the most part, our obsessions—hockey, the weather, national identity—have stayed remarkably constant over the years, says Young. "Not surprisingly, hockey topped the list. On the other hand, our fascination with British royalty has waned considerably since the 1960s."

Young likes the project to being handled a jigsaw puzzle box containing thousands of pieces. "You don't know what the end result will look like. That's that only a few of the pieces will ultimately fit together to complete the puzzle."

These pieces were largely visual, says Van Eck. "If we couldn't find compelling imagery—photos, illustrations, covers or editorial cartoons—in the archives, we dropped the topic from the lineup."

One of her favourites was a 1974 photo of Anne Murray getting ready to drink from a stubby beer bottle because it was so old with her prom queen image. The photo was paired with a picture of the Stanley Cup taken in an Edmonton strip club in the 1980s to create 101s.

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back. Tylenol did after the 1982 scare, when
some of its capsules were found laced with
cyanide. So did Wendy's after a robbery in
New York City in 2000 that left the employee
on dead. But it may have to do more than
free Fronten. If hamperous Theopyc-
funding legislation and the like—have already
stunned us, as everyone knew they would.



Reputations | When there is more than a fly in the food

It's the very stuff of urban legend. Everyone knows someone who knows someone who has found, like your pick, a spider in the soup, a rotted one in the fried chicken, some sort of strange hairy protein in the seafood basket still, for a family-oriented fast food chain like Wendy's, the case of the mysterious man-eating finger—two pieces almost four centimeters in total length, claimed to have been found in a bowl of chili at a San Jose, Calif., outlet—has taken on a life of its own. No matter that the woman who said she bit down on the displayed digit on March 23, 39-year-old Anna Ayala of Las Vegas, dropped her suit against Wendy's and has since been charged with lying. She denies she planted the finger. The fact that there is an actual finger to be crushed, CSI: Crime is there a DNA match, was it cooked?—has turned the event into a fear for talk shows



Ayala claims that
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Mansbridge on the Record



AN UNRULY HOUSE

Name two things this Parliament has accomplished. Okay, how about one?

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM, even after Paul Martin's interview plus four more since, has it that an election will be called before the summer begins, and a quick visit to Parliament Hill can leave one thinking perhaps that's the way it should be. The other day I was in Ottawa and sat in the red press gallery, the one above the Speaker's chair in the House of Commons.

It was hard to see anyone down on the Commons floor, from the party who looked like they thought they'd be there much longer. Manssers, and their wannabes on the other side of the chamber, were thumbing their BlackBerrys frantically—“I believe most of them were awaiting their own sign on.” The few who were there on a Friday, what attendance often is low, weren't paying much attention. Three of the party leaders were absent, but Jack Layton was there and behind him was Ed Broadbent, who really must wonder what happened to those great parliamentary sparring sessions and policy debates of yesterday. From above, unless you're wearing a headset, it's almost impossible to hear any of the action on the floor because of the noise-making below.

In my 45 minutes there, I counted nine who'd spoken only if funded one speaker—Bellville, Broadbent, Ariford, the Commons, most other constituents stopped and then were directed to the much publicized Conservative MP who really doesn't seem a bird apart from the rest. I had caught a glimpse of her rehearsing her question, mousing the words she was going to say,

“Unless you're wearing a headset, it's difficult to hear the action on the Commons floor because of the name-calling”

about 10 minutes before she asked it. If the polls are right, she might want to start working on her answering skills and stop worrying about the questions.

What happened to this minority Parliament and the pledge of all parties to try to make it work? The thought that a government could be legit in check and forced to pay attention to public concern was something that poll after poll in last year's campaign registered. Has it worked out that way? Name two things this Parliament has accomplished. Okay, how about one? The budget, introduced two months ago, still hasn't been formally passed—and the major opposition party said it'll be the budget. So when that question about the value of minority government is posed in the near future, how will Canadians respond? Maybe instead that once observers thought we may be at the start of a period similar to the one from 1957 to 1979—six of nine governments sliced in that span were minorities. Say goodbye to us, we could be at quite the ride.

Back to show business. Will Liberal candidates, whose brand, given Gomery, has really been lowered, put their party name up even their logo on their placards? And the Conservatives have issue 200—Stephen Harper has made peace with his image, but he still doesn't seem sure people, so will his face or name be on the Tory cardboard, especially in competitive Ontario?

Before I left the Commons, I looked toward the public galleries. About half the seats were occupied, mostly by schoolkids. One assumes that watching the “business of Canada” unfolding before them was to be one of those outings that really makes a difference in a young person's view of the country. I witnessed their faces daily—most didn't seem impressed.

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FaceTime

The runner-up in the trans-Gulf racing (the Great Admira) became the first woman to win a fourth Eclipse. Most impressive of the storied run was its hen consistency: in her last year the \$550,000 prize went to Kaha, a 3-year-old of Ethiopian breeding, who took the previous 14 Eclipse twice—twice,



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etc.



The idealist: She was 25, well-much younger and, by all accounts, was simply a well-intended, compassionate and dedicated, 21-year-old American woman. American and a friend from California, was killed by a car bomb outside Baghdad. She was not the target but was merely going about her daily task. Tracking down the innocent victims of war, documenting their stories and trying to arrange for compensation for their families. She did this by trekking yearnfully, daydreams and the U.S. military. When you read that at least 27,000 ordinary Iraqis were killed in the terrorist conflict, the figure seems mostly from her efforts.



The diplomat: Among his many talents—millionaire entrepreneur, energy guru, environmentalist, mentor to one of the Maronite Christians Strong was also Rolf Arnar's social enemy to be sought North Korea. Strong resigned that role after it was reported he had close ties with Tongyeong Park, a mysterious Korean believed to be the chairman of the U.S.-based food supplier. Strong acknowledged Park invested over a million dollars in a Calgary oil company in which Strong and his son Ward were



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UPFRONT

WORLD

IRAQ Officials pulled at least 60 bodies — men, women and children — from the Tigris River. The bloated corpses were believed to be minority Shias from Albuza, just south of Baghdad, who were reported to have been held hostage by Sunni insurgents two weeks ago. If true, the massacre would mark a sharp escalation in tribal warfare, a type of ethnic cleansing that has so far not been part of the current war.

ECUADOR Devoid of a office, after a series of persevered choices, including trying to sack Ecuador's supreme court, former president Lucio Gutierrez took refuge in the Brazilian embassy in Quito. As he had, large crowds demonstrated on the runway of the capital's main airport to prevent his getaway. Naval officers pronounced aplomb, assuring Gutierrez he was free to leave the country. He is the third Ecuadorian president in nine years to be forced from office.

AFGHANISTAN Attempting to defuse the often violent anti-Japan protests that have been erupting in China, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi expressed his "deep remorse" for the aggression his country unleashed on its Asian neighbours during the Second World War. But was not immediately clear whether Chinese President Hu Jintao was willing to defuse the two evils' worst row in decades sparked by the release of new Japanese

books that, China says, do not acknowledge Japan's wartime atrocities, the dispute took on added intensity when the Tokyo High Court rejected compensation to Chinese who had suffered from germ warfare experiments and in the Nanjing Massacre during the war.

ROBO-RIDER Criticized for using robots as ponies in a rodeo, the Gulf state of Qatar introduced rules ending the popular sport of camel racing. Syrian rebels and Assad's forces, the cyclists have come within 20 seconds of beating the track record, set by a child.

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SAME SEX It earned them immediate condemnation from the new Pope. Unfettered, Spanish lawmakers passed the

Soestin government's bill to legalize same-sex marriage and allow gay couples to adopt. It passes the Senate, pre-dominantly Catholic. Spain will become the third European country, after Belgium and the Netherlands, to allow gay weddings.

QATAR In a new twist in an old dispute, a Rome court charged four people, two with Maltese connections, with the 1982 murder of Roberto Calvi, a high-flying financier dubbed "God's banker" because of his close ties to the Vatican. Calvi was found hanged from London's Blackfriars Bridge, an apparent suicide. The prosecution says he was killed because he ripped off the Mafia as well as Lucio Gelli, the alleged head of a shadowy Masonic organization called P2.

EDUCATION An estimated 86 per cent of primary school-age children in developing countries will attend classes on a regular basis, UNICEF reported, noting a substantial increase over previous years. Still, about 100 million kids will not

WARNING In his strongest statement yet, Alan GreenSPAN, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, said the giant American economy faces "stagflation or worse" if it doesn't run in its budget deficit — a record US\$1.43 billion last year — as a result of rising social security costs and tax cuts.

Meanwhile, a respected London-based firm reported world oil production will peak in the next two years, after which there will not be enough new projects on the go to offset declining production.

BUSINESS

BAVELSTON It was the family building company he inherited from his father, and the roof he deployed to launch himself into the heart of the Canadian establishment in the late 1970s. Batacador Finance Co. Ltd. Black emerged as director of his prime firm, Bauskin, as he watched it ushered into receivership. Because of the



many lawsuits filed against Black by dozens of his former newspaper holdings. Rawlinson no longer has the cash flow to service its debts, court was told.

BBM Did it settle too soon? Ontario-based BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion settled a专利侵权案 in March, alleging patent infringement. For US\$450 million. Now comes news that the U.S. parent office has struck down parts of the disputed patents, and experts are predicting the same fate will befall others from the suit.

EDMONTON Another tough break for the Montreal train-rider: U.S.-based Amtrak pulled its Beechliner route high-speed trains from New York-Washington-Boston routes because of brake problems. Meanwhile, the company was forced to pay a former sales rep US\$159,000 in a bribery scandal case. The man, a Mormon, said he had been told his refusal to drink or smoke was a hindrance in selling business jets.

HEALTH

CANNABIS SPRAY Canada became the first country in the world to approve a cannabis-based spray called Sativex to help alleviate the pain of multiple sclerosis. The peppermint-

flavoured spray, from Tayer, is designed to be sprayed under the tongue.

PLAN B Health Canada will allow the marketing after pill called Plan B to be sold at pharmacies without a prescription. Three provinces, B.C., Saskatchewan and Quebec, already make it available that way. Taken within 72 hours of intercourse, the drug blocks a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus.

CANADA

ELECTIONS They're off—in B.C., at least, where the writ was dropped for a final-date election on May 13. Liberal Gordon Campbell hopes to be the first sitting premier to win re-election since Bill Bennett in 1979. His main opponent is now NDP leader Carole James, whose party has only two MLAs running again.

IMMIGRATION Ottawa loosened immigration rules to make it easier for permanent grandparents to come to Canada and at least visit their children. Elderly relatives will now be allowed multiple visits while their children

shop applications are being sorted out. The government also allowed foreign students to work off-campus while studying, and for up to two years after graduation.

ANOTHER BODY She was described as a "sweet lad" who had been hooking smaller men since and was trying to go straight. Charlène Gould, 20, is the eighth Edmonton-area prostitute killed since 1989—all now the subject of a police probe. Her partially burned body was found near the town of Hay Lakes, not far from where an earlier victim turned up.

ABAD Ottawa asked the Senate for interpretation reports on jailed Canadian Maher Arar, according to documents presented at the inquiry looking into torture. But the government did not express concern he may have been tortured for as long as 10 months after Arar was spirited to Syria from New York City on Sept. 11, 2002.

SH A significant about-face: National Hockey League commissioners said they would not resort to replacement players if there is no collective agreement for the new season-October start. Talks have resumed and are expected to continue over the following weeks.



TUNNEL VISION

One expert informs us it's just as safe, although down from the highway above, but the route is weak now, brittle and the many various holes have been being sealed up and reinforced. Some sections in the hundreds, do have a tendency to lose the dark concrete wall when some say they see the signature of the Virgin Mary.



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MORE MARTIN DITHERING

The PM's approach to federal-provincial relations has caused escalating anger

THERE ARE SENIOR Ottawa minders who have received banquette phone calls from the PMO with concise orders on Monday and then, the next day, broad contrary commands from another operative. Such indecision is a year-in-the-flaw, the sign of a government that doesn't know where it wants to go. And nowhere is that more evident than in Paul Martin's uneven dealing with the provinces.

The two levels of government, after squabbling for power for generations, are at an unsettling standstill: the largely cash strapped provinces can't find funds for proxy programs such as health—while the feds foot a bigger than new spending demand on them on their turf. Martin comes to power with bland words about accommodating diversity, which could eaten anything. Instead, his ambitious notions such as a national child-care plan are bogged down in conflicting signals. He doesn't dare agree to a free-for-all of individual financing deals and escalating anger. "There seems to be a lack of recognition of what I would call 'old hat' here," says Quebec University's "In Quebec, recognition for these particular deals is not just dangerous; it is close to disastrous. We're closer to breaking up than we have ever been."

Meanwhile, the intimation of a provincial curtailment has been particularly sharp. There is no way to tell national child-care Canada has a looming skill shortage, and this would facilitate the privatization of women in the labour force. Instead,

without a conceptual framework, the PMO sent Social Development Minister Ken Dryden to forge a vague agreement on flexible approaches with the provinces. Then Ottawa earmarked \$5 billion for childcare over five years, removing any provincial incentive to do a deal itself. It's about as convincing as Dryden's fuzzy-sounding speech now.

Similarly, Ottawa has made separate deals with Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to match their timelines by excluding offshore energy revenues when calculating payments. And it has overhauled the equalization program to guarantee ever-growing funds to poorer provinces in apparent preperry, even though the richer, in the days of federalism Ontario. Now, almost every premier is reeling about unfairness—and Martin is digging in. "I cannot conclude the PM believes in everything—and nothing," observes an Ottawa policy expert.

These are lethal but apt words. As the sponsoring inquiry increasingly erodes the reputation of federalism in Quebec, as an example, Jean Charest, bemoans fiscal unilateralism, this is only one way out. First, a little less intransigence—entertaining, even. Martin must stop micromanaging—and develop a coherent view of where he wants to take the country as a federation. "That could be used as a condition for what policies we adopt," says Wiers daily.

As well, Martin must stop the talents of the expert panel he established to dovy up the new equalization swap: it should increase the whole mass of fiscal federalism, how much should really go where, before the nation blows up in his face. Now, federal transfers from health to welfare to immigrant settlement are already higher per capita in poorer provinces. This cannot last. It is time for the PM to stop buying quick fixes—and start figuring out where he really stands.

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Passages

EXCELSSED like she does through glass, was left unchested by cyclone and did not open until the moment of ceremony. Finals Hawker, 33, of Edmonton, won the first Canfield springer her and a \$10,000 scholarship from sponsor CanWest MediaWorks. She was one of 22 finalists whittled down from over 80,000 students nationwide.

RECOVERING Convicted truthteller Jon Tyson, 71, is resting in his Alberta ranch after landing in a Moose Jaw, Sask., hospital with chest pains and pneumonia, an inflammation of the lung and the thinnest. His postpolitical concerts but is determined to play, as scheduled, for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip when they turn up for Alberta's centenary in May.

COMPETING Filmmakers Atom Egoyan, 44, and David Cronenberg, 67, will go head to head at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival. Egoyan made the short list for *Where the Truth Lies* and Cronenberg for *A History of Violence*—the first time since 1977 two Canadian films have vied for the top prize.

DIED He was an artist and storyteller who wrote to the Far North after the Second World War on a white and fell in love with Inuit culture. Toronto-born James Houston, who died of heart disease in a Giverny hospital at 83, was the man who brought Inuit carvings to the attention of the world. Later a designer for Stetson Glass in the U.S., he was also a superb painter in his own right. His huge, garrulous *Aaron's Warlike Guests* is at Calgary's Glenbow Museum.

RETIRING One of the world's top cyclists, Lance Armstrong, 33, the determined Texan who beat cancer to win six grueling Tour de France bike races, says this summer's event will be his last pro ride, and he is reputed to go out a winner.

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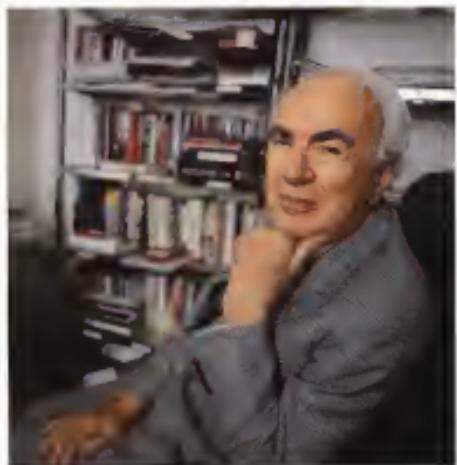
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Interview | ALLAN GOTLIEB

'FOREIGN POLICY REVIEWS SHOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED'

THE RELEASE of the federal government's international policy was much lauded one of Ottawa's longest running games. After months of doing, the Liberals put out a thick package of policy papers. Among the goals: send more diplomats abroad, revamp the military command structure, focus aid on fewer poor countries, and forge stronger ties with emerging powers like China and Brazil. But does pacifying our own mess mean much? Allan Gotlieb, who was Canada's ambassador to Washington from 1981 to 1988, has long argued that realism in foreign policy, rooted firmly in strong ties with the U.S.

Do you find your perspective reflected anywhere in the policy statement?

There are different threads in there that don't work as well together. But I do say that the first day of the government's foreign policy is to protect Canadian citizens. And it does recognize, even when it gets off into larger multilateral ambitions, that

the key to influence runs through Washington. So there is a realism there, I think.

But I sense you're not entirely convinced.

It really doesn't reflect a vision of a single North American market. It doesn't address the goal posts, such as building a single common economic space, establishing a common

external tariff, abolishing trade remedies. They kind of skirt around that in the paper. It makes it very difficult to be optimistic.

What's wrong with Canada-U.S. relations?

One problem is U.S. concern about border security. Commenting in a common sense, my perspective has got to be: if the border is not going to become an impediment to trade and, even more, to the movement of people. The goal should be that when people enter North America, they pass through a security perimeter and can move freely about like you do in Europe.

But wouldn't Canada's independence be jeopardized if we were more integrated?

I believe that if you have two integrated economies, stabilized by law and institution, you have more room for difference. You're less subject to economic retaliation. Look at the Europeans. They have a common market and single currency, but look at how different they were on the Iraq war.

How about the government's stance on the rest of the world?

There's this rather encouraging, realize line about national interest that runs through the document: that the choices have been clever to expand it to any that it is in Canada's national interest to serve the world. There's a good deal of high-flying rhetoric, statements about great goals we are

What's wrong with a little cheerleading?

It makes unrealistic expectations. It's not a very big leap to start thinking about your self as a moral superpower. Why isn't we changing things? Well, it's important to use informed language and lower expectations.

So you're not impressed with the discussion of a 'new multilateralism.'

I don't find very much about the real multilateralism that they're talking about. The paper does suggest a certain flexibility. But I don't find much analysis of the great issue of our time: what happens when the United Nations can't act, as was the case in Iraq?

Is this sort of policy overview helpful?

Foreign policy reviews are important and they shouldn't be conducted. History shows that usually all the major foreign policy decisions that are made have nothing to do with any review.

JOHN GOTLIEB

CAN I HAVE MORE TIME?

On TV, the PM was like a student asking for an extension, says PAUL WELLS

PAUL MARTIN'S FOTOGRAFHER, John Gray, reports that the Prime Minister was an unspontaneous student at the University of Toronto, more inclined to coast on native wit than to do the hard work that makes academic stars. So perhaps Martin felt a surge of fond wistful nostalgia this Thursday as he relived every undignified moment performed under the bright lights, sitting at a desk in an office, leaning eagerly forward, pleading for an extension.

Intriguingly, Martin's evening television address to the Canadian people was not novel

in its content. On only a day's notice, he had taken to the airwaves to say more or less what most attentive Canadians have heard many times from him. He found the excuse of the federal sponsorship program in Quebec appalling. He wished his husband more "rigidness," while the protesters were protesting. He will give back earned money if "so much as a dollar" found its way into Liberal party coffers.

Apart from the crisis staging, the only real novelty came in Martin's analysis of the political drama and in that plus for an extension. The announcement, he said, was postponed. Failure from the scintillant coverage was "consuming virtually all political discussion," so Parliament was "presupposed with election in mind and with political strategy-out with the job you sent us here to do." Then the desperate preface: Martin will begin an election campaign in 30 days after Justice John Gomery releases his final report into the sponsorship scandal, if only Conservative prevail upon the opposition parties to let his minority government live that long.

The immediate response from the opposition leaders wasn't encouraging. Stephen Harper, the Conservative, called the speech "it and spurious," an adwarmed he is running out of patience with popping up "a government that is under criminal investigation and accusations of criminal conspiracy." Like Gilles Duceppe of the Bloc Québécois, Harper sounded happy to send Gomery to the polls this spring.

So this week is crucial, because Parliament is recess. Most MPs will be in their ridings, where voters will tell them whether the election should await Gomery's report at the end of the year. This is the choice: Canadian democracy now has to vote immediately, in

a cloud of uncertainty, or vote after Christmas in parlour and matress.

Among the many striking aspects of Martin's desperation play was how eerily familiar it all was. This will hardly be the first time Martin has used this mousie modus ead if only he could speak directly to the Canadian people. Few of the silences around him seemed to impose. Everywhere he has fallen back, at the moment of crisis, on an almost obsessive concern for staging.

He left Jean Chrétien's cabinet in 1992 because, as his helpers explained to a clueless press corps, he couldn't stand the

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adversary, Liberal strategist Warren Kinsella, that the Finance Department had rigged tenders to exclude Heech Barnscliffe, a consulting firm he owned in the mid-1990s, when O'Leary was Martin's top aide.

Who then anyone else left to throw onto the bundle of Martin's evolving calamity? Stéphane Lapierre, Martin's hand-picked Quebec lieutenant, faced allegations from former public works minister Alfonso Gagliano that when Lapierre was one of politics he lobbied for a Montreal ad agency without being properly registered. Lapierre acknowledged setting up a meeting for Gagliano and admitted he'd won the odd payment from the agency, but insisted it was not for the meeting.

Back in 2004, when Auditor General Sheila Fraser's report was new and so was Martin's tenure as Prime Minister, he showed considerable panache for unabashed and allegations of wrongdoing. He even outshone a succession of Chretien aides, including Gagliano and former VIA Rail chairman Jean Pelletier, without waiting for further proof that once the cloud of suspicion began to envelop associates a little closer to home, Martin's outrage at breakdowns in due process grew exponentially. "The inquiry is

appearing at the Giguere inquiry, Boudreault reluctantly refuted some damning allegations being held in front of a judge for good reason," he said the camera during his final Mary speech. "There is conflicting testimony. Only the judge is in a position to determine the truth."

That judge, seriously, had a much easier

WE NOW have a choice: vote immediately in a cloud of uncertainty, or after Christmas in parkas and mittens

week than anyone anyone in Ottawa had a chance to enjoy. In Montreal, Giguere's guest on the witness stand was Claude Boudreault, the reliable honour of Martin's adman whose Groupe Exeter and affiliated firms netted millions of dollars from federal sponsorship contracts beginning in the mid-1990s. And Boudreault provided a running demonstration of Martin's new assertiveness that the most damning allegations are soon refuted.

Alain Bernier, a former Liberal organiza-

tion had testified a week earlier that he overheard Martin and Boudreault discussing a multi-million-dollar contract over sandwiches at a Liberal convention. The claim caused a sensation but when Boudreault's name was, he fully denied the conversation ever happened. "If I did discuss such a file with Mr. Martin, I certainly wouldn't do it while surrounded by 2,000 people"—or within earshot of Bernier, he said. And for a suspiciously amiable-sounding letter Martin sent to Boudreault's 50th birthday party ("The years have washed over Diane with such grace and beauty that youth still abounds her," the letter signs of Boudreault's wife), Boudreault simply buckled Martin probably sent the letter, he said, but he probably didn't write it. The French was too heavy.

This is the hole Martin finds himself in. He appeared Giguere as soon as Fraser's soft was released in 2004—out of an apparent belief that Canadians would be inspired by his willingness to incur party pain. ("Isn't that the perfect opportunity to demonstrate that you're an agent of change?" Melia asked soon after Fraser tolled her wits.) Now Boudreault provided a running demonstration of Martin's new assertiveness. The Giguere inquiry, one of Martin's first ideas as prime minister, has become his last hope.

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DURING THE SULLIVAN AUTUMN OF 1964 and the brooding winter and spring that followed, Ottawa was shaken by a series of allegations and revelations of corruption in high places that involved mounting parallels to the scandal currently rocking the Martin government. Then, as now, a socialist prime minister who headed a minority government found his party accused of crimes and misdemeanours that robbed him of the moral right to rule. Then, as now, the U.S. allies of its Quebec wing appeared to condemn the Liberal party to the oblivion of history. Then, as now, a judicial inquiry was held to examine the dirty laundry, hung during both occasions inside the once-sacred

precincts of the Prime Minister's Office.

There are differences, however. The scandal of 40 years ago only tangentially concerned money, used in an attempt to help spring an alleged dope smuggler from a Montreal jail. The issue was not the phony sponsorship of a defunct federal program, but an attempt to subvert justice, and a Liberal justice minister who failed to stop the process. The Rival affair, as it became known, began on Nov. 23, 1964, with devastating charges levelled across the Commons floor by the Tory MP from the Yukon, Erik Nocket, and ended on June 29, 1965, with the close of the official inquiry into the affair by Quebec Superior Court chief justice Frédéric Bertrand. The Judge Gomory of his day, Bertrand released a report that became a document of the Nov. 8, 1965 election that followed.

During the seven months between Nocket's revelations and Bertrand's conclusion, the capital was ripe with conspiracy theories, as no person became suspicious that eventually turned into criminal charges. The Liberals involved were made to look like fools, lechers, or both. Most Canadians of conscience harboured pride in country diminished by the realization that what had taken place was not some trivial paragon of virtue, but politeness at the summit engaged in trying to give aid and comfort to a heroin smuggler, that had cultivated deep ties in

the Quebec wing of the federal Liberals. The Dennis revelations established a pattern of staggering bribery and corruption that reached into Prime Minister Lester Pearson's inner sanctum, as well as the offices of his ministers of Justice and Immigration.

The central figure was Lucien Rival, a mobster with a prepended past who had served a rough apprenticeship in the slums of Montreal, ran a gambling casino in a Castro Club and became a mobster in the Mafia-dominated drug trade. On Oct. 10, 1963, when a minor Montreal hood named Joseph Caron was stopped by U.S. customs in Laredo, Tex., on the border with Mexico, a search turned up lots containing 15 kilos of pure heroin. Caron later confessed he was a courier for Rival, who was engaged in large-scale, Mafia-dominated smuggling of narcotics into the North American market.

Washington applied for extradition and Canadian police arrested Rival in Montreal on June 18, 1964. The U.S. Justice Department hired Pierre Lacombe, a bright young Montreal Liberal lawyer, to handle the case. Almost immediately, efforts were launched to arrange bail for Rival, who knew so much about the Mafia's international operations that it was desperate to keep him away from American interrogators. Robert Gignac, a Montreal contractor, and his partner Guy Mason, a Montreal Liberal organizer and lobbyist, met with Raymond



Denis, executive assistant to Immigration Minister René Lévesque. Mason persuaded Denis, a lawyer, to try to bribe Lacombe not to oppose Rival's plea for bail, it being left unsaid that this would have allowed him the chance to flee and escape criminal punishment.

Denis then offered his former law school classmate Lacombe \$30,000 cash not to oppose the bail application. Lacombe later testified before the Dorion inquiry that Denis told him that Rival was a great supporter of the Liberals and that his help would be needed in the next election campaign. The Montreal lawyer discontinued the approach after the threatening phone calls that followed made him realize that Mafia operators assumed he had taken the money and wanted to know why he wasn't cooperating.

Lacombe became fully aware of how widespread the conspiracy had become as he was dangerous his position was when Guy Lord, a special assistant to Justice Minister Guy Penney, asked him why he was being opposed. Lacombe informed the RCMP and they began to investigate.

The least understandable aspect of the scandal was Penney's unwillingness to take any action. When he was handed the full report of the RCMP's investigation of the Rival affair on Sept. 18, the justice minister concluded there was insufficient evidence to support criminal charges, even though the RCMP file strongly implicated MP Guy Routhier, the prime minister's parliamentary secretary. The RCMP report included the opinion that "if there was a liaison in this conspiracy at the top, it was probably Routhier." Yet for 66 days, from Sept. 18

As PETER G. NEWMAN writes, scandal shook another Liberal minority government 40 years ago

WE'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE



Nelson (1997) was dedicated to the eradication of Liberal supremacy in Canada. Tanguay and Pearson (1997) were the targets.

and Nov. 23, when Nielsen rose in the Commons, Fairbank told Pearson nothing about his parliamentary secretary's involvement. But during that interval, while on an airplane ride to Ottawa from a federal-provincial meeting in Charlottetown, Besser stepped into a seat next to the PM and told him about the existence of the Revised case and the RCMP investigation—but mentioned the names.

As far as Guy Ferrara was concerned, the case was closed—and he had decided that it did not warrant any prosecutions. In recent years many have disagreed: there had not been a Nielsen, the *Toronto Star* trial, been given birth by a frustrated RCMP officer who thought the whole incident was being swept under a political rug. Dedicated to the eradication of Liberal supremacy in Canada, Nathan waded into every parliamentary debate determined to drown out anything that might threaten his vision of a "Tory Handcartman." He was cool in manner when he laid out the Reward Affair to Parliament and the nation. His most shocked Chamber mate was then Pearson, who was hearing the gory details for the first time.

The PM and his wife were unaware of the crisis and escaped the political heat. And much like Paul Martin Jr. does today, Peterson packed his bags and went travelling. He spent the following weeks on a political junket through western Canada. When he returned to Ottawa

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seriously. In the end, it was clear he could provide no good reason for his conduct except as an effort to save his government.

Halfway through the falling down of charges and denials, the hearings turned into high comedy. On the day Donon round up the Ottawa sessions before moving the inquiry to Montreal, the judge intended a party for reporters who had been covering his investigation. The festivities ended abruptly when three Molotovs of the Canadian Press were lobbed through the windows of the hotel.

“I’m not sure what he was doing,” says his attorney, Michael J. Pappalardo. “I do know that he was skating on the ice rink at the [Borodino] jail.” Pappalardo says his client had been granted permission to go outside to exercise, and that he had been skating on the jail’s outdoor rink, even though the temperature was several degrees above freezing, and the rink had already melted and was overflowing its edges.

Revised the house to slide down the prison walls, or packed a ride with a passenger motorist and watched. For a while, he said, his faithful wife, Marie, became folk heroine. The Bonnie and Clyde, even inspiring a postcard. The search goes on elsewhere, though, valley, hill and dale / they seek him here / they seek him there / That's God's purpose. For years to come in Crookshank / they'll be the epic tale / how Revised left his footprint on the walls of Bonniesburg.

Donon turned out to be a stern, original presence, well aware that his unusual mandate placed him in the position of having to be both judge and jury in ruling on the careers of the men involved. His inquiry's most poignant moment occurred on March 24 when Ferreira, a political seer who specialized in good intentions, entered the witness box. He displayed the irresolute shyness of a forestman baffled by contradictory warnings, stricken to a speechless silence, a man who has never seen a

One of the many inexplicable aspects of the case was that, although Elved might have fled anywhere in the world, nobody took the trouble to notify Interpol, the international police.

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international police organization, until four days after his escape. It later turned out that Rivald had been hiding north of Montreal, in the Laurentians, where he was recaptured four months later just as he was about to jump into a lake for a swim. This time he was extradited to the U.S., where he was sentenced to a 20-year jail term for "masterminding a giant narcotics ring." Rivald, 86, died in Montreal in 2003.

In the months after Nesbitt's charges, the Pearson government's composite disappeared under the pressure of opposition attacks. But it was not in danger of falling, despite mounting opposition, because many of the Conservatives couldn't face the prospect of bringing their discredited leader, John Diefenbaker, back into office.

Since the idea of being involved in such sordid manipulations with Mafia gangsters was as foreign to most Liberals, they pretended both to themselves and to the public that the scandal amounted to little more than lifting the lid on the kind of political politics practised in Ottawa under every régime since Confederation. (A similar attitude was most steadily reflected in Paul Martin's fulsome praise to his colleague of Jean Chretien's famous appearance at the Gomery inquiry, when he reduced the gravity of the issue to the fact that only the other hand had photographed golfballs.)

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Rivald (right) found that a bribe had been offered to free Rivald (left), centre)

Rivald "to obstruct the course of justice." Guy Rivald's conduct was termed "in reprehensible act." Guy Lord had "acted reprehensibly" and Raymond Denis was charged with attempting to obstruct justice. Denis was convicted and sentenced to two years in prison.

The harshest condemnation was reserved for Pearson, who was accused of having "seriously flawed judgment, leaving in doubt that a man with faulty judgment was unlikely to run the country's justice minister. He

RIVARD escaped from prison after being allowed to water a skating rink when the temperature was above freezing and the risk had already melted and was overflowing

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was a winter night, just like this," he would begin, his fingers already chattering, "when I would take the wardens for a hose to water the rink.... Here's what, there's a tank, every where's a tank, rink, rink." Then, just as his audience would join in his decision, his pudgy, round features would darken, and he would hammer home his point: "The man has come to restore in this nation new principles of honesty.... the sacredness of the human personality must be preserved," implying that the Greeks were against it. Finally, Diefenbaker let loose his legendary affinity for political understatements, and declared Rivald directly to Pearson: "Where?" he demanded at an election rally in Port Williams, Ont., "Where was the prime minister when they threw the bodies into the line of ice?"

Despite such hyperbole, the voters maintained the Liberal minority in office, being unseated by Diefenbaker's last fling, but not casting him enough to reelect him as prime minister. Pearson remained in office for another three years before giving way to the sturdy Pierre Trudeau, who kept the Liberals in power for most of the next 16 years. Trudeau's popularity was fed by his credible claim that he had an avowal in his predecessor's scandal-plagued record.

Four decades later, the political earth is moving again, and for the same reason. The time seems ripe for another outsider to salvage what's left of Canada's "Government Party." That characterless Harvard professor from a humdrum family, Michael Ignatieff, would be an ideal candidate. History may be about to repeat itself.

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The list of Canadian political scandals is long—and varied—that it has to stretch a little to use the license to use the adjective *not* on any one of our systems. Blasted officials, kickbacks, they got caught. The public is outraged. Then the anger subsides and all is forgotten, if not forgiven.

At one time or another, all of the seven deadly sins have found parliamentary champions. In April 1907, Henry Baker, business tycoon as Federal minister of railways and census after being found in a Montreal hotel with a person of ill-repute. The infamous King-Byng constitutional abdication was triggered by the refusal of the minister of munitions and supply, George French, to sign off on his department's plan to stop Canadian border crossings. (King Edward VII, who then appeared his to the death—now you can conclude.) Former Social Credit cabinet minister Colin Thrasher is still serving a life sentence for the well-publicized murder of his wife, Joanne Wilson. Claude Cormier, former house leader for the Parti Québécois, still sports a lookout from the Ethics office in Montreal.

Heads resign—or leave government—over indiscretions on a lesser scale, although others in P.C. might reasonably ask if their indiscretions would benefit. Thus come sort of after-school stories. As a public service, Cormier's presents a compendium of the points in our political history: *oh well, save Artisan individual client indiscretions*.

THEFT

Maybe it's that whole *Never归還 the credit line* thing, but it seems like it's only with politicians who get caught for shoplifting. NDP MP Kent Broadbent (above) did not run for re-election in 2004 after his terrible public confession that he'd pocketed a \$50,000 discounted ring in a public meeting. He was sentenced to 100 hours of community service. In 1988, his then caucus colleague Laine Myhrson was charged with stealing \$7,25 worth of contact lens cleaning tablets from an ottawa drug store. He was acquitted at trial.

SEX

At the top, and Canadian politicians have been caught making blunders and a host of other indiscretions by the year. With departing Indigenous Affairs Minister John Duncan (left) and, while living in Ottawa, the late Stéphane Dion, the old relationships are the new ones. The new ones, though, are far from the likes of John Baird's affair with a former employee of national defence, the associate minister of national defence, Pierre Savoie, including the "affection" of the "affection" lesser portfolio.

Alberta Premier Jim Prentice resigned in

July 1934 after a government staffer, Vivian MacMillan, sued him for solicitation. An investigation just approached the 85-year mark and her application for \$5,000, lost the judge overturned the award and ordered the plaintiff to pay costs. The MacMillan family took the case to the Supreme Court and eventually prevailed. Prentice's departure didn't help the fortunes of established firms of Alberta lawyers. It was eight years from power in 2005. The allegations against former Nova Scotia minister Gerald Regan (right) were even graver. In the end, though, the RCMP began probing multiple complaints of sexual misconduct, didn't back down, in the 1990s, a fury Royal Commission set out to find and interrogated three of those women, but the Crown appealed and brought forward additional charges and most alleged victims, the case was dropped in 2005, but the public has been left with the memory of the absurd: three women who were labelled about her unwanted advances.



BETRAYAL



In 2005, it was revealed that Claude Morin, a notorius in Quebec's sordidly amorous, ring of crime boss as RCMP informant, in March 1971, Margaret Trudeau, exiled but an effective campaigner for her husband, Pierre, went alone, spending her shift working at a fancy party with the Rolling Stones in Toronto. She then flew to New York and talked to people magazine about her freedom for gather bells, and why white visitors loved her nipples. The Trudeau's responded that they, but Maggie continued to embarrass her husband, releasing a tell-all memoir in 1995.

But Liberal leader Gordon Wilson's political fortunes plummeted after it was revealed in 1993 that he was having an affair with Judy Tyack, one of his MLAs. At 105, former health minister Jim Nitobe got punched out by the estranged husband of a woman with whom he was having an affair.

LOVE

Politicians are not immune to affairs. Jennifer Williams (left) was a 20-year-old who divorced their minister, her then-mate, in 1993, and then, in 1995, she got into a relationship with then-prime minister Jean Chrétien. Williams, then, and then, and then, and then, and then.



BOOZE

High-profile Inquiry minister Pauline Marois (left) was reportedly drinking a beer while on a flight and got caught out, or, at least, knew who. When, Robie Klein, Alberta's first female provincial premier, came to an audience in 2004 after a speech, drinking alcohol, she spoke of an "unconscious" mistake, adding, "in my case, it should have been a beer, not a glass of wine." That same year, Quebec premier Pauline Marois, who was then a member of the opposition, was charged with inebriation for driving under the influence of alcohol. She was fined \$1,000 and given a 12-month driving ban. In 2007, Marois' husband, former minister of labour and consumer affairs, Raymond Marois, was convicted for the illegal possession and sale of methamphetamine, and 30 months.

Opposition candidate Jean Marchand (top) was charged with assault, and Robie Klein, provincial premier, came to an audience in 2004 after a speech, drinking alcohol, she spoke of an "unconscious" mistake, adding, "in my case, it should have been a beer, not a glass of wine."

MONEY



And the sort of most political sin—is the point that elected officials with their heads in the sand become a Canadian legend. Thomas MacKenzie, the former Quebec lawmaker, who was forced to quit in 1952 after revelations of kickbacks, bribery and fraud. A scandal over hidden compensation in an environmental audit under then minister Peter Lougheed in 1984. Angry voters in St. John's picked the House of Assembly and almost deposed prime minister Sir Richard Segal in 2002 after charges of illegal payments. In 1982, premier Bill Vander Zalm (above) resigned after the provincial corruption-shattered cabinet. He had crossed ethical lines during the rule of his family's 21-acre Biblical theme park, *Paradise Gardens*, to a Taiwanese billionaire.

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SCANDAL MAP OF CANADA

• BRITISH COLUMBIA



GORDON CAMPBELL
2001-2005
Former Premier
2005-2006
Minister of Finance
2006-2008
Minister of Finance
2008-2010
Minister of Finance

• ALBERTA



RALPH KLEIN
1993-2001
Former Premier
2001-2004
Minister of Finance
2004-2006
Minister of Finance

• SASKATCHEWAN



ROY ROMANOW
1991-1996
Former Premier
1996-1999
Minister of Finance
1999-2003
Minister of Finance

• MANITOBA



GARY FILMON
1999-2001
Former Premier
2001-2006
Minister of Finance
2006-2008
Minister of Finance
2008-2010
Minister of Finance

• OTTAWA



BRIAN MULRONEY
1984-1993
Former Prime Minister
1993-1996
Minister of Finance
1996-1997
Minister of Finance

• ONTARIO



DALTON MCGINTY
2003-2007
Former Premier
2007-2009
Minister of Finance
2009-2010
Minister of Finance

• QUEBEC



PAULINE MAROIS
2009-2012
Former Premier
2012-2013
Minister of Finance
2013-2014
Minister of Finance

• NEW BRUNSWICK



BRIAN GALLANT
2006-2010
Former Premier
2010-2011
Minister of Finance
2011-2012
Minister of Finance

• NOVA SCOTIA



STEPHEN MCNEIL
2006-2010
Former Premier
2010-2011
Minister of Finance
2011-2012
Minister of Finance

• PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



ROBERT MCLEOD
2001-2005
Former Premier
2005-2006
Minister of Finance
2006-2007
Minister of Finance

• NEWFOUNDLAND



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2001-2006
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2006-2007
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'THE MOST BRILLIANT'

The cardinals' choice was bold—and sound

Onlookers were at first uncertain whether the result was black-and-white. And when it became clear that what was emanating from that famous Sistine Chapel assembly was indeed black, those gathered in St. Peter's Square cheered. A new pope had been chosen by the cardinals' conclave after four days of Pope Benedict Ratzinger of Germany, 78, formally abdicated at Monreale and later the right-hand man of John Paul II. Now he has become Pope Benedict XVI—though not without controversy. He is known as a conservative, a fact that dismayed moderate Catholics hoping for movement on such issues as contraception, gay rights and a larger role for women. That reputation, along with the post-Ratzinger era's briefest emerituse member of the Holy See, and with debts drafted into a German auto-assembly last December, has prompted some to fear that his pontificate may not be as complimentary as his. On the contrary, the Pope Benedict, among others

There were some who saw signs of moderation in Ratzinger's choice of name (the previous Benedict, who reigned from 1914 to 1922, was opposed to the orthodoxy that had previously characterized the church). Others welcomed the prospect of a stand-off Pontiff. Father Raymond J. de Souza of Kugenum, Ont., chaplain of Newman House at Queen's University and a newspaper columnist, was at Rome for the election. His report

Stone, written by Evelyn Waugh, the English novelist and Catholic convert.

In his historical novel, *Helena*, he creates a marvelous conversation between Constantine, the Roman emperor, and his mother, whom we know as St. Helena. Constantine is touring about Rome, and already plotting to move east to establish his permanent capital on the Tiberius. "Here Hera," he says. "I think it's a perfectly bonny place. It has never agreed with me. Even after my battle at the Milvian Bridge when everything was flags and flowers and halberds and I was the survivor—even then I didn't feel quite at ease. Give me the East where a man can feel at ease. Here you are just one figure in an endless historical program. The City is waiting for you to move on."

The Eternal City has been in wait. It waits, and everybody covets—over emperors and popes. Already the "Gesetz Germania Rule" and "Hail to Her Pope" posters are coming down. The memory of John Paul II's final 30 days—so greatly bemused by the City and added to its already three millennia otherwise. The City with now for her new bishop.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Today the conclave opens. The Italian newspapers have been reporting all week that Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger is the leading candidate. As doans of the College of Cardinals, he presides the heavily, which has been highly anticipated. He delivers a rare shortness of the challenger facing the Church, and condemns the "disorder of relations" that characterizes Christian believers in dangerous fundamentalisms.

I am asked on television whether it is a stamp-speech. I say it was simply Ratzinger in full—a member of who he is and what he stands for. A friend from home writes to say that there are two kinds of trump speeches:



Secular media often have responded to Benedict XVI with an eruption of cliché

one that seeks to persuade voting voters, and another that seeks to flip up the base. This was the latter. There is more truth in that. But the "base" is better understood as the "Ratzinger." For almost 24 years, Ratzinger had been charged with defending the faith against error and heresy. The fundamentalism is under attack from all sides, he says, and it is the task of the Church's pastor to ensure that no remains solid.

In the afternoon, the cardinals enter the Sistine Chapel in a magnificent ceremony, televised live for the first time. Watching it, I spot a friend, Father Edward Silosky, secretary to the Rev. William Cardinal Keeler, assisting him in his place. (Later, I will have

to say how privy I was to see him in the procession, even though all he was doing was walking. "Yes," he laughs. "But I was walking in some pretty cool places.")

The cardinals vote for the first time that evening—casting their ballots as Michelangelo's *The Last Judgment* looms over them. As they vote, each avers an oath: "I call Christ the Lord in my witness, who will also be my judge, that my vote is given to who, in the eyes of God, I judge should be elected." One cardinal had been widely quoted as saying he was concerned about how he might handle the eventual choice in his portfolio. The conciliar doubts reminded him that if he could explain it to Christ Jesus the Judge, he would have no problem at home.

That evening I was at Fox News, sitting with Chris Wallace as we waited for the first

make from the Sistine Chapel. It finally came—black—but I left with a new appreciation for the challenges faced by TV anchormen. Wallace did an hour of TV walking for the

'POPES come and go; the Church remains. But there's high drama. In the comings and goings, To be part of it is a blessing.'

aspects to which aqua, and the ability to talk for an hour about a pipe is impressive.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

I expect the conclave's second day to be momentous. I am not sure whether Cardi-

nal Ratzinger will, in fact, be elected. But if it is Ratzinger, it will be today.

The weather is now a black. The second smoke, after the fourth and fifth ballot, is expected at around 7 p.m. In two hours before, I go to one of my favorite churches in Rome, the Chiesa Nuova (New Church), which was 600 years ago, to offer Mass at the alter over the tomb of St. Philip Neri—a 16th-century giant of the Counter-Reformation in Rome and a counselor to the popes of his day. I ask St. Philip intercessions that a worthy bishop be chosen for his city and, that, wherever he might be, he will profit from St. Philip's celestial counsel.

Arriving at the studio at 6 p.m., I am told that the smoke has just come, but observers are not sure if it is white or black. I know it must be white, the only smoke name that

a fifth balloon was not necessary. Soon the bells of St. Peter's ring, and the scores of British people running to St. Peter's Square, I wish to be with them, but I have to remain with the other commentators instead. Finally, watching the events unfold on TV.

The choice has to be Brotzinger, I know, because he is the only one who could have been elected so quickly that I am surprised—I doubted whether the cardinals would be bold enough to choose the one man most despised by the secular elite. We wait for almost an hour before the announcement. It is the German cardinal, and he has taken the name Benedict XVI, evoking the heavenly patronage of the great saint who sought a refuge from the decadence and decadence that followed the fall of the Roman Empire, founding along the way the monasteries that would save European civilization.

I have read the new Pope's books. I have heard his lectures, and I have been in his quiet and humble presence on a few occasions. Whatever else the cardinal may have had in mind, they have chosen the man brilliant out of their number for the Throne of Peter. And, no less important, one of the holiest. It is a moment of gratitude and wonder. I realize, working out the timeline, that I was likely the only one offering Mass in the very hour of the election. Give thanks!

The night wears on, with much discussion. I am sure John Paul's biographer, George Weigel, a good friend, has more television to do, and I am content to write. But the moment is meant to be shared, so we head to his temporary apartment for a quiet Mass. First we make vespers, the evening prayer of the Church. The lectionary for Tuesday of the fourth week of Easter happens to include a prayer for the pope, by name. George inserts the name Benedict. (Never was papacy indeed! We have a pope.)

On the way back to my hotel, people call out good wishes and congratulations. After, having heard that that is a "controversial chain," and it isn't "sacred," "Molto contento," I reply by saying I have no intention, for a few minutes. It's a simple family-run place at the end of a nondescript street block from the Vatican. I congratulate Armando, the proprietor, on the fact that one of his clients has been elected to the papacy. I ask whether anyone ever took a photo of Cardinal Ratzinger in the restaurant. No, his daughter replies—he was too shy.

The papacy is a crashing burden.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE CHURCH

Macleans’s Rogers Molko recently asked *Catholics about their attitudes toward the Catholic church and some of the issues it faces* (for the more than 1,200 people interviewed, 26 per cent identified themselves as Catholic). The results

quench only those upset with the election, characterizing the choice as a "catastrophe" and "very sad." According to one quote, Benedict is a man who has "years and years of hatred for gay people." It is so bad that the author—a friendly colleague from the *Canadian Press corps*—later privately apologized.

The elite media is, as the British would say, gobsmacked (their media have been the worst by far, flailing around like adolescents). They are convinced that the cardinals would elect a man more famous for defending Catholic doctrine. National Dowd, who in her column for the *New York Times* is somewhat of a guardian of secular liberal orthodoxy, declares with disgust that the "cardinals officially failed." The reference is to so-called "cafeteria Catholics" like her self, who pick and choose which doctrines they will believe and which they reject. It seems beyond the capability of the media hordes to understand that the cardinals of the Church think the cafeteria should never have opened in the first place.

I attend the press conference given by the three Canadian cardinals to the concilium, who point out that a pope is the servant, not the master, of Catholic truth, but the premise of almost all the questions is that ignorance on truth will surely alienate many. I mention in one reporter that, given the situation of many established Protestant denominations in Canada, a sense of doctrinal disconnection, and not an intransigence on orthodoxy, led to divisions. I was unconvincing.

Later I go to St. Peter's Basilica to celebrate Mass, and end up at the altar under which St. Peter is buried. It is between the finanziary remonstrances of Pope Benedict XVI, the last page to take that name, and Blessed John XXIII. I offer three, as my first full day as Pope, a Mass for Benedict XVI.

The continuity of the papacy is tangible, though that corner of St. Peter's only touches the most negative part of the Church's life. Popes come and go, and the Church survives. But in the cardinals and george, in the sisters and sisters who have passed through the City, there is high drama, and to be part of it is a blessing. On the screen one can touch the history of such a burden to Continuite. And one can be touched here by grace, the divine gift that renders the weight of history, of the media, of the papacy, into a burden that is light. Perhaps that is why, despite everything, Benedict XVI was smiling on the balcony yesterday.

8. Thinking about some of the prominent world leaders during your lifetime, how do you think Pope John Paul II rates?

	ALL	CATHOLICS
One of the greatest	37%	35%
Great	26	20
Good	21	18
Average	16	7
Below average	3	1
Don't know/ refused to answer	9	4

2. Has Rome played a satisfactory or unsatisfactory role in the discipline of priests who have committed sexual misconduct?

	ALL	CATHOLICS
Satisfactory	16%	25%
Unsatisfactory	56	51
Don't know/refused	23	20

3. Should the new Pope take a moderate approach to religious issues or maintain a conservative stance on such things as abortion, same sex marriage and stem cell research?

	ALL	CATHOLICS
More moderate	81%	88%
Stay conservative	14	16
Don't know/refused	14	7

4. Should the Catholic Church ordain women?

	ALL	CATHOLICS
Yes	60%	64%
No	23	28
Don't know/refused	13	7

SOURCE: POLLARD/WHITEHOUSE/LOPANO/OFN

Benedict XVI will be photographed hundreds of times every day for the rest of his life. And he will never again enjoy a simple plate of pasta at Armando's.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

The day is, from a media point of view, miserable. Balanced reporting, let alone good manners, have been abandoned in an epopee of vitriol. The first Reuters story



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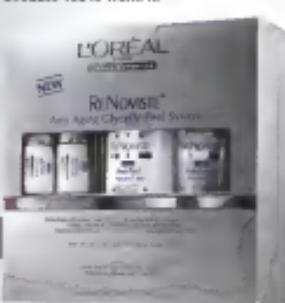
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Ask your doctor about Julie's story.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT IRAQ

In London's most explosive riding, the candidates battle over a faraway war

ON A SUNNY SPRING AFTERNOON, Gina King, the young and beautiful independent Labour MP, went for a glad-handing stroll through her working-class East London constituency. There were just two weeks remaining in the British general election, but instead of kissing babies and chugging up locals, she trudged grumpily behind a phalanx of some 40 police officers. She had had choice: King was pitted with eggs and vegetables while attending a recent memorial service for London Jews who died in a German V2 rocket attack

Her car had been vandalized. She is loudly heckled every time she appears in public. But her main opponent, George Galloway, an atheist and unemployed Socialist dubbed "Gorgeous George" because of his silver hair, piercing blue eyes and immaculate clothing, has sometimes fared no better. Police advised the former Labour Party MP from Glasgow not to sleep at home after two dozen young Islamic extremists forced their way into a meeting he recently attended.

They denounced him as a "false prophet" for trying to stoke the Muslim vote in the riding, and threatened to burn him. They said voting was un-Islamic, and declared that any Muslims who voted for Galloway faced a "sentence of death." Police escorted the candidate to safety.

For protection,
King requires a
police escort at
the constituency

everything to do with Iraq. King, a black Jew and a staunch leader of Prime Minister Tony Blair, supported the war to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Galloway didn't just oppose it—he went to Iraq to meet Saddam before it began. He helped organize demonstrations, and he berated George W. Bush and Blair "shamelessly." That got him kicked out of the party, and set him on a collision course with his former comrades.

Galloway moved to London and founded his own party, Respect. "It grew out of the anti-war movement," he says. "We warred and we marched, but we didn't stop the war—because we didn't have any political power." He chose to run in the previously safe Labour riding of Bethnal

Green and Bow, where, last time, King received more than twice as many votes as her nearest opponent. But that was before the war, and before Galloway. Now some Labourists admit they fear losing the riding.

Almost half of the constituents are Moslem—so Labour could traditionally rely on support. But the majority of Britain's 1.6 million Moslems opposed the Iraq war. And, in Galloway, many— notwithstanding the extreme fringe who want to hang him—have found something of a hero. "There is a great deal of anger in this constituency, and a feeling of betrayal," Galloway says. "People here were broken over the decision to invade Afghanistan and Iraq."

At the Cafeteria Cafe, Rejaul Ahsan, a restaurant owner, chats over tea. He says he has always voted Conservative, but is now supporting Galloway. "I was against the war, and he is against the war, and that's it," Ahsan says. Md. Ahsan Khan, a Bangladeshi, joins in. He says he, too, is voting for Galloway, because Galloway "supports Palestinians' liberation and he hates American aggression. He is working for Muslim human rights."

But on the street, Aswad Chowdhury, a Labour supporter, says King has worked hard on behalf of the riding for eight years. "Galloway has dropped in—he can't change anybody's vote here," Chowdhury says. "He is getting support from non-white Muslims. My member of Parliament should represent me in the House of Commons. Galloway is a gerrymander." Chowdhury urges me to come to a community meeting that night, where King and Galloway will face off on stage.



Galloway hailed Saddam's courage and strength, and called Blair and Bush "monkeys."

Couch, before he is calmed down by his more welcoming friends

Across the street at the People's Palace leisure centre of Queen Mary, University of London, crowds of mostly Moslem women for Galloway and King. Police scan the steadily increasing throng, at least two vans, each carrying 10 riot police, are hidden around a nearby wall. The candidates arrive to cheer and are soon joined by Galloway's huge fan base through his many supporters and taken to the stage with King and the two other candidates.

WHEN THE SPEECHES end, King ducks out a side exit. Galloway walks out the front door and is mobbed by supporters.

From the Tory and Liberal Democrat pressbox, the speeches break for prayers at dusk, and resume.

Galloway is in his element. His black suit and silver tie, set off by a bright red "Re-spect" ribbon, make him look like a well-dressed carnival barker. In velvet boozes, he glowers blearily out from beneath bushy eyebrows, railing against the "high temples of British capitalism." But it's when he talks about the war in Iraq that he works himself into righteous indignation. "If you make

war against Moslems abroad," he hollers to cheer, "you're going to end up making war against Moslems at home." King is amazement and earnest. She speaks about reducing poverty and ending tensions among her constituents. But she simply can't compete with Galloway's overwhelming presence. When the speeches are finished, King arrives a few quaffs and then ducks out a side exit. Galloway walks out the front door and is mobbed by supporters and journalists.

I want to ask him questions he never addresses in his many appearances. Does he regret killing Saddam, upon meeting the Iraqi dictator in 1994? "Sir, I salute your courage, your strength, your indefatigability." Why did he call the disappoiment of the Soviet Union, the most murderous regime in history, "the biggest catastrophe of my life?" But earlier in the day, I had managed to ask Galloway other questions that unnerved him. Now, when he sees me, his charm disappears. "I don't want to talk to them guys," he growls to a handler. When another journalist confronts him, Galloway tells everyone the reporter is on drugs.

King's advancing in Galloway's apparent support is superficial hype, inflated by his raise above and vocal cheerleaders. And indeed, most office political gambling sites still predict King will win. But Galloway has been underestimated for years, ever since he managed to oust the famed British lawmaker Roy Jenkins in 1987 to enter the House of Commons at the age of 32. It would be a mistake to underestimate him again.

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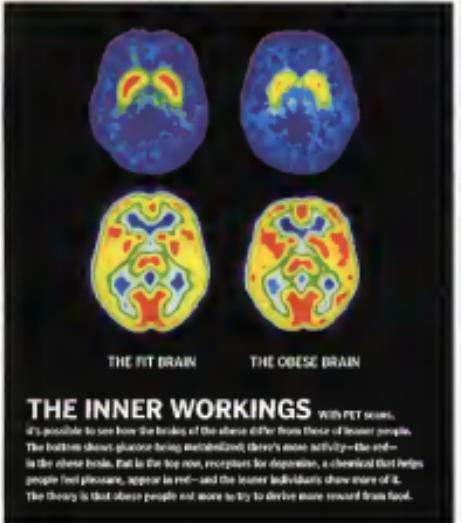
HOW YOUR BRAIN MAKES YOU FAT

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BARBARA WICKENS REPORTS



THE STUDENTS in the combined grades 4, 5 and 6 cooking class at St. Odile may not know it, but they're part of a grand experiment. They're participating in a pilot project, *Art ateliers* (art studios), that sends students to eight Montreal elementary schools. Their job: to teach kids how to cook foods that are lower in salt, fat and sugar than the highly processed snacks they're used to eating. Just as important is making sure that, as these youngsters take yummy cookies and cut fruit and veggies into weird shapes, they enjoy their break from the regular classroom routine. As program director Marisol Paquette puts it, "We're helping to make healthy nutrition." The kids are, in effect, learning nutrition through art. And there's new evidence that they may even be rewiring their brains in the process.

Thanks to advances in neural imaging techniques, we can see the brain at work in a way that was not possible even a decade ago. And in light of mounting concern about the increasing prevalence of obesity, this is good news. According to data released last week by the World Health Organization, 4.1 per cent of Canada's teenagers are obese (19.3 were found to be merely overweight). That makes the Canadians the fourth most obese teens in the world, behind Malta, the United States and Britain. The WHO, in fact, describes obesity as a global epidemic.



THE INNER WORKINGS

WITH PET SCANS, it's possible to see how the brains of the obese differ from those of leaner people. The bottom row shows glucose being metabolized; there's more activity—the red—is in the obese brain, but in the top row, receptors for dopamine, a chemical that helps people feel pleasure, appear in red—and the leaner individuals show more of it. The theory is that obese people eat more to try to derive more reward from food.

Nutritionist Maria-Claude Kiel, at St. Odile school, tries to make good food fun.

And the traditional approach to weight loss—helping individuals muster enough willpower to stick to a low-fat diet and get a little exercise—doesn't work. But by rewiring the brain of the obese and the lean, science is coming to a new understanding about how the brain, body and food interact.

There is still much to be learned, but one thing already seems clear: humans are hard-wired to prefer, maybe even crave, the very foods that today cause us so many problems. No surprise, they're sweet, salty and/or high in fat and calories (the body's way of storing energy for future use) but this data is revealing that the brain is also more malleable than previously thought, even in adults. Lay down enough neural pathways and you can hook people—especially those under 21, whose brains are still growing and maturing—on a bad habit much more easily than a bag of nachos.

In North America, where 23.899-odd diet books have been published in the past three decades, the new research has far-reaching implications for parents, legislators and school administrators, not to mention the purveyors of fast food. Doctors, psychologists, nutritionists and others interested in weight control are just starting to use brain scans to answer such questions: which regions are activated when you show someone food? Is the result different in obese and non-obese people? When do cravings originate? What part controls responses? The knowledge gained from such testing, scientists hope, will be used to value and keep people healthy. If your brain can make you fat, maybe—if you push the right buttons—it can also make you thin.

Earlier research had already mapped the vital organ's basic structures and developed crude maps of what went on where. But as technology improved, increasingly detailed pictures of the brain emerged. Positron emission tomography saw increases in blood flow associated with increased activity in



give a sense of which brain cells are at work. But it takes informed readers to do this, and a PET scan costs up to an hour. Then in the mid-1990s, the introduction of functional magnetic resonance imaging even allowed researchers to peer into the brain while it was performing some sort of real task. An MRI shows the minor changes in magnetism that indicate increased blood flow to active parts of the brain. Those spots, which appear as brighter colonies on the image, are giving scientists a much clearer picture of what the human mind goes through when it calculates a mathematical formula, recognises a familiar word—or consumes a bar of chocolate.

The brain has yet to give up all its secrets, it has, after all, some 100 billion neurons cells scattered through its different regions. Still, studies are indicating that brain chemistry strongly affects body weight. The neurons communicate with one another via a number of chemical messengers called neurotransmitters. One of these is dopamine, which is key to the brain's internal reward system. Thanks to dopamine's chemical role in allowing us to feel pleasure, some researchers suspect can be enlisted in the fight against fat.

Despite the thousands of diet books published, the rates of obesity have soared.

Dopamine is also known to be a culprits of cocaine and nicotine addiction, but in obesity researcher Martin Levine's words it's not, "that brain circuitry had not evolved for the purpose of recreational drug use." It's more designed to ensure that basic functions like eating, drinking and reproducing are met.

SCARF a hamburger and somewhere in its primordial parts your brain is craving Yippee! Mastodon meat!

It may be repulsive if they're possible. So does this mean food can addictions? It may be for some overweight individuals, says Pekar, a scientist at the Maastricht Cognition Center in Maastricht, The Netherlands. A series of studies has shown that some people who overeat may have low dopamine in their systems, or fewer receptors for it. The theory is that they might be eating more in an effort to boost the pleasure they derive from food.

Pekar recommends the development of new behavioral methods or drugs that can help those people enjoy a more normal reward from eating. What's the downside, she asks? "Are we going to live less well?"

As brain chemicals go, dopamine is a pretty important player it reaches into the brain's emotional centres, such as the hypothalamus, which is involved in memory, reward and learning, and reward centres such as the prefrontal cortex, where problem solving, planning and decision making occur. Willpower, a front brain function, is what helps a person resist (resist temptation)—and this new research is in favour of a long-term goal, as in, I want my meat or the drink to grow—but when it comes to food, the short-term will always trump the long-term, according to Antoine Lutz, a former Tanzanian who is now associate neurology professor at the University of Iowa. And this may have something to do with our dopamine circuit. There is of this why the next time you grab a burger and fries at the nearest drive-through, Your dopamine might register, I should consider a salad instead (but somewhere in its primordial parts your brain is cheering, Yippee! Mastodon

meat! Yippee!)

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For millennia, our ancestors literally didn't know where their next meal was coming from. With food being scarce, and often requiring great effort to track down, the bigger bang for the hunger gether's buck was made high in calories and sugars. Foods that fit the bill, like fruit and meat, were also rich in nutrients. Today, in the developed world at least, we have a cheap and plentiful food supply that's no further than the nearest convenience store—but not necessarily nutritious. While some fatty foods, such as avocados, nuts, avocados and fish, can be part of a healthy diet, there's very little nourishment, for instance, in a candy bar. To make matters worse, we have no drive to exercise. In evolutionary terms, there are such new developments that our brains haven't had time to adapt.

Until recently, little effort was spent on trying to understand why people become fat. "Wasn't the answer simple? They ate more calories than they burned off. Anybody who failed obviously wasn't trying hard enough." The equation hasn't changed, but that single-minded focus on willpower clearly has not worked. And considering that obesity rates in greater risk for other serious ailments such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke, as well as some types of cancer, the potential costs to the health-care system—not to mention the toll on human suffering—are staggering. The time is overdue to take a more multifaceted approach.

That's exactly what happened in early April, when the faculties of medicine and business management at Montreal's McGill University brought together an unusual cross-section of scientists and health and marketing experts from North America and Europe to banquette. The challenge, according to conference chairwoman Laurence Dube, a McGill marketing professor, was to ascertain whether it is possible to fight society's fat society by better understanding what, why and how people make certain food choices.

"We have focused too much to the internal model," says Dube. "No one drinks a drink to an alcoholic and says the guy should resist." Still, as one participant noted, understanding how the brain and body respond to food in a healthy person in a healthy

HEALTH CAN BE A HARD SELL—JUST DON'T USE THE WORD DIET

Claude Brousseau had a problem. The veteran of the Montreal restaurant scene opened his newest venture, Les Chevres (The Goats), two years ago in the wealthy Dubrovnik neighborhood. It has everything the sophisticated dinner guest expects: an attractive setting, attentive service, a discerning wine list, and deliciously-tweaked from scratch, cutting-edge cuisine. Brousseau and partner, chef Stéphane Pothier, developed vegetable-based dishes with sauces made from stock reductions or vinaigrettes rather than artery-clogging cream, butter, produce and a ridiculous use of meats and seafood. The only thing missing: excess calories. Oh, yes—and customers.

Pothier, Brousseau's right-hand man, found word on the Internet that Les Chevres was a "vegetarian restaurant." Not the sort of place where diners would expect to find a dish like beef short ribs, albeit with butter and squash, while the meatless meal and eau de vie, "It was," he says, "hard to get the concept across" that Les Chevres had a full-pallets meat. Even glowing reviews didn't help. Not knowing that hotel concierges are often asked for referrals, he invited a group of them for a free meal.

The tactic worked and Les Chevres is now a growing concern. But Brousseau had bumped up against the sort of consumer behaviour that's the bane of anyone trying to promote more healthful eating. People say they want to eat lower-calorie, nutritious food—and then skip every opportunity they can to do so. The assumption is if a food is good for you, it must be boring.

It's natural, of course, to assume this is not true. But it's at the high end of a trend that's only now starting to sweep the North American food industry. At the fast-food end, chains such as Subway, even McDonald's, are touting their healthier items in national campaigns. But the issue, nutritionists say, is about more than just healthy choice—

about having a solid instead of lies with your hamburgers. The big challenge ahead is portion size—eating less than redesigning the national dinner plate.

One group making a determined stab at this is the American Institute for Cancer Research. To help hectic households dine well at home, it has an approach that is simplicity itself just: symbol the heart of the plate. A variety of vegetables, whole grains, beans and other plant foods should take up at least 2/3 of the space, leaving 1/3 or less for animal protein—and that should be the three-to-four-square range.

The institute has this guideline in its *The New American Plate* book, a glossy tome with 280 recipes and the sort of enticing photos sometimes referred to as "food porn." It must be catching on: published in March, the cookbook is already into a second printing. To help with the sell, diet doctor and contractor Michael Pollan says the key to the new plate is to make a deliberate choice not to use the word "diet." "It's implying something short-term," he says. "We want people to change how they think about food."

When it comes to thinking about food, health can be a hard sell, allows Kent Moore, a marketing expert at McGill University's Faculty of management, who says the challenge first-hand when investigating why, despite expressed concern for the environment, a range of so-called green products sat untouched on store shelves when they were first introduced. To be accepted, specialty products have to match consumers' regular fare both in availability and price. Even so, Moore says mounting health concerns are creating opportunities. He cites the rising baseball in the arena, when he plays hockey each week, five years ago they sold only sugar-free pop, while today they stock-bottled water. "It's expensive water," Moore says, "but I buy it because it's there." ■



Yippee! the plates must should be no more than a third, nutritionists say

weight, let alone in someone who is obese, "isn't rocket science, it's more complex than that." This complexity means that there will likely never be a single magic bullet for weight loss, but that a number of solutions may work. Some of the problems, it turns out, may be in your genes. There are at least 430 of them associated with obesity, says



FIVE WAYS TO TRICK YOUR HUNGRY BRAIN

Research conditions to shed new light on how the brain functions, including how it registers hunger and being full, and why it can drive people to overeat. So can we learn to use this information to their advantage? Some suggestions that may help your mind to work with, not against, your brain to the right against fat.

1 The number of people you share a meal with influences how much you eat. Researchers find people eat the least when alone; they tend to moderate how much they eat when in a small group, but not so against gluttony; and they eat the most when in a large group where no one notices other's distinctive behavior.

4 Try to avoid eating when stressed. Stress hormones in the body and brain increase both how much you want to eat and the desire for soft, greasy comfort foods.

5 Don't eat that first potato chip—it's true you can't eat just one. It's easier to maintain a healthy weight if you can eat just one.

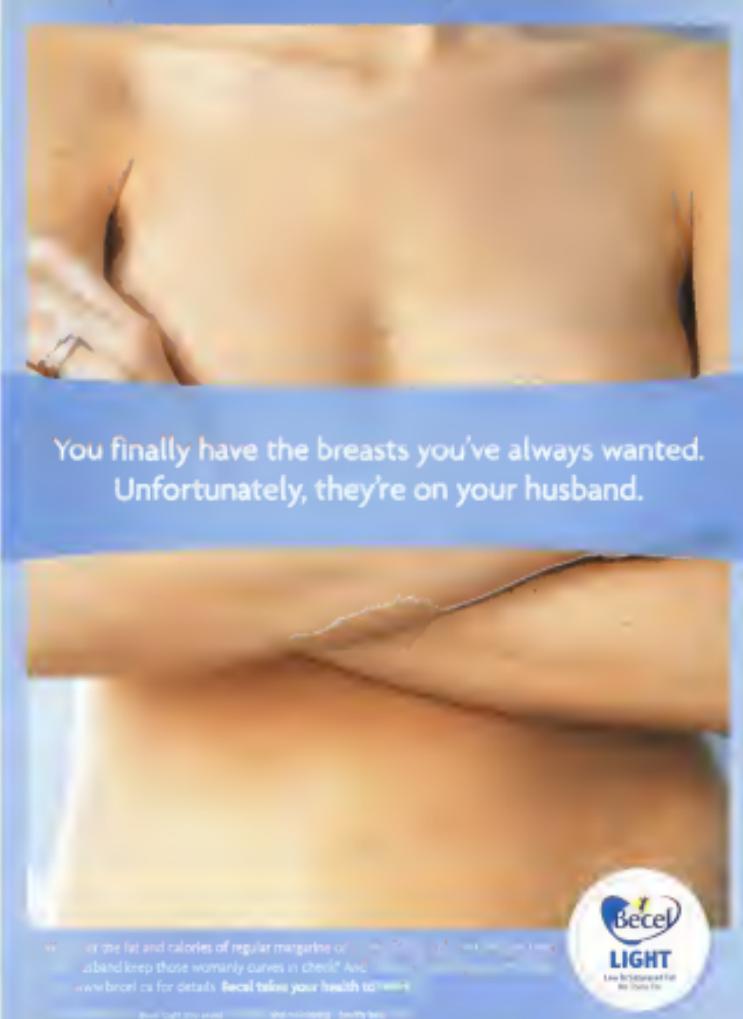
Diane Finegood, scientific director of the Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes, part of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Some people may be more susceptible than others to putting on weight. Angelo Del Parigi wasn't specifically looking at that issue, but research he did at the U.S.

National Institutes of Health in Phoenix, Ariz., may shed light on it. Using PET scans, Dr. Pengi studied the neurology of hunger and satiety—medical jargon for “fed” through the areas of both lean and obese people. And after a 26-hour fast, hunger showed up brandy in the hypothalamus and other brain areas, while satiety was represented in the prefrontal cortex. However, the obese had a number of abnormal responses in both areas, which seems to indicate that they feel hungry more often and eat longer to feel full. People who lost weight, however, still showed abnormalities in that same area, indicating that even though their bodies were leaner, their brains remained “fat.” Dr. Pengi said that normal responses to hunger and satiety may be a warning sign that someone is predisposed to obesity. One interesting question is: For further research, however, is whether the abnormalities caused the weight gain, or the weight gain caused the abnormalities?

Still, there is panache in the fight against obesity—in the form of clear evidence the palate can be re-educated to enjoy healthier foods. Over the past five years, Duveline Clinch quietly reduced the sugar content of its yogurt by 15 per cent. And, despite company president and CEO Louis Fournier, it accomplished this not only without complaints, but sales in that period actually increased. Also, Dr. David Ludwig, director of the obesity program at Boston Children's Hospital, said that youngsters who come from outside North America often find fast food daunting. They have to learn to like it. And that presumably means others can learn how not to like it.

Jane's research has done research that also supports that contention. His studies indicate that the willpower to override impulses is influenced by what children are taught as they grow up. This suggests that if adults make eating healthy food a rewarding experience, children will develop a better ability to control their food impulses. Of course, he didn't study the particular kids in Montreal's *Les enfants en apnee* program. And there is evidence that such early interventions will have an effect over a lifetime. But until researchers can have more success from the angle of interests that make up our internal reward systems, encouraging brains and taste buds to develop healthy倾倒ness to be the best weapon you can have in the kitchen.



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ADVICE TO INVESTORS: BE COOL

There are many reasons why Canadian stocks should bounce back

IT TOOK A WHILE. For months, Wall Street had been sensing inversion that stock prices would keep rising, while its clients were worrying about those two big costs that were obviously rising—energy and short-term interest rates. Nasdaq, the playground of valuable upstarts, peaked hours before its Times Square headquarters became the epicentre of New York's five震ers. The two major U.S. indices, the S&P 500 and the Dow Industrials, kept climbing until March. The bloodletting got under way in the week before U.S. tax time (April 15).

As we are daily reminded (more gleefully than seriously, if that's possible), decline. Wall Street's overall appraisal affected stocks around the world. That Canadian oil stocks were trading the hardest may suggest to the casual observer that the oil of war is unnatural; why should the most obvious beneficiaries of expensive oil, the producers, get socked along with the more obvious losers, such as General Motors? What happened in just days to such earlier gleaming energy companies (April 7 to April 15) in EnCana (from \$90 to \$80) and Canadian Natural Resources (from \$71 to \$63) denters strikes an iron law of finance: when the bottom is raided, the guy in the waiting room who promises he was there to pursue the recuperative plan is nabbed.

Should Canadians who have prospered from the three year performance of the industrial world's strongest stock market dump their stocks now because the world's biggest stock market goes down by 5.80 and 2.75 per cent for fund rates?

A few reasons to stay cool. First, the world's keep rising rates if it's the U.S. economy is stilling out. Second, oil prices



Oil in the ground, like in Alberta's oil sands (above), is worth more than a year ago

are heavy, high-sulphur crudes, and the world's most inefficient refinery capacity to process such low-grade material. There hasn't been a new refinery built in the U.S. since 1996, and more than half the refineries opening back then have been shut down for local reasons including the high cost of complying with new environmental standards. When the world shifts to high priced energy, it will go back to work.

The third reason for investors to stay calm is that the recent softness in the Canadian dollar, which has caused foreigners to scale back their purchases of Canadian equities, is caused, in part, by the publicity abroad on the political fallout from the Gomery inquiry. Canadian companies must make their own appraisals of the risks from that political mess. They may well conclude that no matter who is in charge in Ontario, oil in the ground in Alberta is worth more than a year ago, and decide to take advantage of the bad publicity to add to their positions in the

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leading companies, most notably the oil sands producers. This makes sense to me. There will be no return to the National Energy Policy (Proof of progress: the man who drafted that disaster now runs the TD Bank.)

Finally, the Toronto stock market has only superficial resemblance to New York's. On the S&P/TSX and comes across far roughly 10 per cent of the weighting, but that share rises to 25 per cent on the S&P/TSE. This means that New York has just one to one winners' ratio (benefiting from the impact of high commodity prices), while Toronto has a favorable one-to-three.

So a Canadian investor carrying even more exposure to financial institutions than the Toronto stock market index can feel somewhat sanguine about Wall Street's concerns. It is hard to take a case that New York will have a good year, because the S&P/Nasdaq and the Dow are heavily weighted in stocks that either don't benefit from expensive energy and metals, or are damaged by them. The U.S. stock market is notable for companies that rely on ingenuity, technology, marketing and competitiveness to earn profits. Canada's stock market is notable for companies that rely on resources that have been under the ground for hundreds of millions of years.

What's best about Canada from an investment stand point happened soon before the first housing bubble appeared, and that doesn't get much publicity in the media. What's worst about Canada happened since the Second World War, and that gets lots of publicity in the media. The best is real and can be relied on. The worst is debatable, and may not be as bad as it sometimes seems.

Owners of the great resource stocks can certainly lose in the short term, but they know that, because the price of their products is determined in the global marketplace, no foreign competitor is going to be able to squeeze their profit margins—or drive them out of business. That security does not apply to holders of shares of companies in many of America's biggest industries, such as computers, pharmaceutical companies and auto manufacturers.

The U.S. and European industries must be at risk from Chinese and Indian competition, but far more market capitalization than all the oil and mining stocks in the world. That's why major stock markets were struggling in the months before they suddenly slumped.

As a holder of resource stocks, you should not really care who wins that competition; you know that the winners will be buying resources, driving up commodity prices and enriching you, even if they never buy any thing produced by any company you own. In that sense, commodity stocks are far less risky than the S&P/TSX would have you believe. Your only risk are that your competitor will not replace their mineral production, or that global economic growth will not be strong enough to keep resource prices high. Globalism is your friend, not your foe.

Wall Street strategists haven't loved resource stocks for more than a decade. Naturally, they now argue that resource stocks, which have done splendidly despite that score, must be very speculative, so they deserve to get hammered. That means you must train up your own capability to assess stock market risk. If you can't, in emotional and/or financial terms, withstand the kind of stock market shock experienced in mid April, you should sell.

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some profits and move to the sidelines. However, unless the global economy falls into recession, those resource stocks will come roaring back.

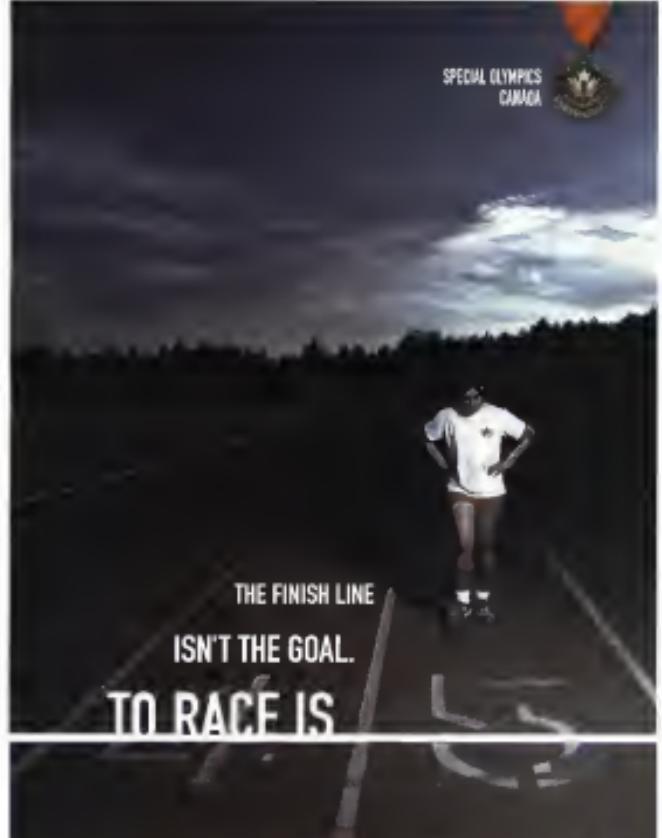
Wall Street's major problem is that many of the largest companies in the broadest-weighted sectors of industries are selling at excessively high price-earnings ratios, given the growing problems in their economic and competitive environment. That valuation problem can be resolved if the Fed stops tightening, or oil prices plunge—or if the prices of those stocks return to attractive levels. The latter is the likeliest outcome. That means there could be more collateral pain ahead for Canadian investors, even though they own stocks that should, in reality, not be affected.

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Baby belles of the ball

Increasingly, Grade 6 graduation is taking on the pomp, circumstance and attire of high school proms

ADRIENNE ARCHIBALD will hasn't decided who, if anyone, she'll accompany to her graduation prom in June. She's already been asked by two boys—both enter—that for now she's leaving her options open. A few weeks ago, in her spare time to find the perfect dress, Adrienne trudged up more than 20 candy-coloured numbers of Fisher-Crescent Measurements, a trendy boutique on Toronto's Queen Street West, before settling on a \$300 royal-blue cocktail dress with spaghetti straps, silver detailing and a delicate lace-up bodice. She's half-hunting for the right heels and accessories, and on the day of the dance, she and her friends plan to get them and professionally done. "But no, they won't be sitting a line to the event," she says, giggling. "We're actually taking a school bus so we can all ride at the same time." After all, most of them—Adrienne excluded—are only 11.

Increasingly, Grade 6 graduation—which once consisted of blurry photo-copied diplomas and an early evening spread of cookies and orange "drinks"—is morphing into the social event of the elementary school year, particularly an affluent constituency. Often organized by parents and funded by bake sales and raffles, these dances and dinner parties—whether in the school gym or a rented hall—generally mark a sweet girl's first run-

in with high heels, up-dos and slow dancing. Retailers say some parents are spending anywhere between \$200 and \$2,000 to outfit their girls for the big night.

"It's a special night," says Adrienne's mother, retail lawyer Lee Palsson, who's heading up the grad party committee at her daughter's public school in well-to-do Moore Park. For a lot of these kids, she says, leaving elementary school means being separated from classmates they've known since kindergarten. "It's really big deal with my friends," says Adrienne. "It's just really exciting and it's going to be cool because it's our last big celebration together."

Not that it's surprising parents should want their maturing communimates with the same pomp and curated glitz once reserved for high school seniors. As consumers, this generation of nine- to 14-year-olds has come of age earlier than any other in history. Organized and media-savvy, they influence more than \$20 billion in Canadian household purchases a year—including clothing, magazines, electronics and hygiene products, custom designed for them. "This is a generation of power," says Karen Gordon, a Toronto parenting coach. "They have a lot of money and make a lot of demands."

They also have parents who are more

likely to comply with—and delight in—their precocious consumer desires. "A lot of parents now have more money, so they really like to lavish it on their kids," says Gordon. "They're having fewer kids and they have dual incomes." Naturally, retailers aren't complaining. "Each year our clientele gets younger," says Betsy Chiodo, owner of Vancouver's After Five Fashion, a popular boutique for prom dresses. Her maturing Grade 6 grads now make up 20 per cent of his business during prime season. "That would've been 100 five years ago."

Formal tween fashion—much like casual tween fashion—tends to mirror styles popular among teens and celebrities. Currently, this includes skirts, spaghetti straps and



With the help of her mom, Adrienne (right), Adrienne chooses a dress.

ate-shoulder dresses—scaled down and adjusted for age appropriateness. Still, says Chiodo, sometimes these upstart looks catch a little more heat than their parents would like. "So we'll try to sell them a bit more 'organically,'" suggests. "To discourage over the top dress, some elementary schools now hand out guidelines for appropriate attire," says James McCormick, principal of Ryden School in Mississauga. "But I think a majority of people use common sense."

For some child health experts, the whole idea of a Grade 6 graduation dress seems



like too much pressure at a time when girls are particularly vulnerable to low self-esteem. "I think it's ridiculous," says Dr. Adrienne Lefebvre, a child psychiatrist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. "Not only do these events create pressure among girls to wear the right clothes and face them to contend with body-image issues prematurely, she says, but there's also the pressure to dress and experiment with sexuality before many of them are emotionally ready (At Adrienne's school), says Palsson, "everybody goes together. We don't need a date to go to this prom."

These events can put pressure on parents, too. "If one mother agrees to buy her daughter a \$250 dress," says Lee Anne Goodman, a Toronto-based journalist whose daughter graduated from Grade 6 a few years ago, "then you feel like a bad parent if you're not going out and buying a really nice dress. Like a learning, I went along with it."

It's expensive, Palsson concedes. "But you just don't think about it, you do it because it means a lot to her." It's not unlike the Canadian rule, except the much more lenient Value, and it leaves well below the budget.



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GOD'S GIFT TO WOMEN

From a Darwinian standpoint, female orgasm may be as frivolous as male nipples

WHY, O WHY? It's been 52 years since scientists first considered the female orgasm a legitimate subject of scrutiny (thank you, Dr. Kinsey). But they still can't settle on its reason d'être. Theories abound on how this extremely pleasurable pelvic reflex—which is overwhelmingly, though not exclusively, enjoyed by women (a few other female primates can climax)—contributes to the survival of our species. And because each explanation affects how we think about "natural" female sexuality and relations between the sexes, feminists have been eager participants in these debates. But most evolutionary theorists—or not—are keen to embrace the idea that the female clitoris could be entirely without evolutionary benefit. No matter how obsessively and doggedly pursued in the bedroom, it may be frivolous in, say, the male nipple.

More or less, the points of male nipples' relevance—climax and ejaculation—are the same for men. But female orgasm isn't self-evidently linked to procreation. Women don't need to feel the earth move in order to get pregnant. And the majority of those polled by Alfred Kinsey, Wilson Marlow and Virginia Johnson, Shere Hite, and other prominent sexologists report that they don't regularly climax during intercourse. In fact, between five and 10 percent don't enjoy the big O at all.

But let's not permit the facts to get in the way. As Indiana University philosopher Elizabeth Lloyd points out in her new book, *The Case of the Female Orgasm* (Harvard), the well-documented "agamemnonian discrepancy" isn't the only hard evidence about female sexuality to be overlooked by evolutionists. Crossing, male bats and the unadulterated notion that female orgasm is adaptive (that is, evolutionary purpose) to ensure the long-term survival of the species, Lloyd knocks down all but one of the 23 airing explanations. Along the way, she makes a critical distinction between sexual arousal, which the mrs. is critical in evolu-

tionary terms because it makes women want to have sex (and that results in pregnancy), and female orgasm, which she argues is merely a bonus.

Breast-feeding. Terrierae Morris took the first stab at accounting for the prelude of female pleasure, in 1967, with the publication of *The Nature of the Female Orgasm*, he

SEX TIRES men out
but leaves women hungry
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out of bed to go cruising

tion, was obviously a way to shore up the home, because orgasms are a "reward" for "pair bonding"; women were unlikely to be promiscuous, forcing men for days on end to stalk game without worrying that their gal might shack up with a non-bonding waz. Morris also suggested the result itself



anti-gravity theory. Depart, he reasoned, both ovaries and exhaust the female, causing her to release immediately after copulation, and thus increases the chances of fertilization. The trouble, Lloyd argues, is that women are aroused and exhausted by sex; women are usually left wanting more—a state that might, she speculates, have led our feminine ancestors to get out of bed and go cruising.

Comparing theories since Morris's remain contentious, for the most part, is the notion that women's supreme sexual gratification serves some grand evolutionary purpose. Female orgasm, it's been argued, enhances the emotional connection between partners, making women want to cook and care for their men. Another theory holds that it motivates women to have lots of intercourse with the same man, thereby improving the chances of fertilization; a counter explanation suggests it motivates them to have lots of sex with different partners, thereby increasing the number of gay

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who, not knowing if the offspring is theirs or not, won't kick the babies. Alternatively, some researchers suggest organs indicate which fellow will be good caregivers (that is, evolved enough to bring you to the heights of pleasure, surely he'll look out for the kids, too).

Others emphasize the individual physiological benefits that also contribute to the species' Darwinian struggle. Female organs, according to one account, show that any fertile woman would readily conceive, as the species' survival depends on it. In the womb, releasing the pelvic muscular constriction brought about by feeling sexual. Then there's the "spasm" theory, which claims a woman's orgasm contracts from one minute before ejaculation to 45 minutes after help takes the sperm (and, in one case), only the desire for pleasure is their target—an orgasm familiar to couples undergoing fertility treatment.

Author Lloyd concurs with all these scenarios, but lacks an "if" clause. To him, the "most logical" was published in 1979 by Watson Brake and David Jarchi. Here (and elsewhere) his book is a little rough going for those not steeped in evolutionary methods. The two cited a tenuous link between rate of orgasm and spontaneous abortion, suggesting a selective advantage to especially responsive females. In the early, harsh and short world of our ancestors, when infants of women taken as spoils of war were possibly killed, such abortion would be a fossil evolutionary strategy. The authors based this theory on a fascinating feature of the female race, who researchers have noted it an unknown until now comes in the score, thus saving the potential line from being killed by the stronger.

Scholars Richard Alexander and Katherine Naomia attain credibility even more, arguing that the sexual organs are critical to the species' future. Women's organs, compared with men's, are more complex and have other functions that convey their characteristics all the time. That's because a smart (and amorous) male who believes his partner is carrying another man's offspring will pleasure her in order to reduce an abortion. But given the health risks of spontaneous abortion to the mother, Lloyd concedes, an equally smart partner would simply pretend to reach her snitch. Alexander and Naomia, it turns out, have only figured out (and about) juries by juries, so they argue makes evolutionary sense.

Rejecting all of the above, Lloyd writes

on the unpopular but, the census, more scientifically solid theory available. Around the time the aforementioned survival-averse geo were brewing, University of California evolutionary psychologist Donald Symons proposed female organs is nothing more nor less than a by-product of the early stages of a human embryo's development. Fertilized eggs, male and female, share the same physiological characteristics for the first eight weeks after conception, at which point the male embryo releases hormones that lead to the development of either sexual organs.

Because male orgasm is so crucial to the species' propagation, all the necessary equipment is present from the beginning. Not only do the penis and the uterus share from the same origins, but so do the male vas deferens and erectile tissues. From an evolutionary perspective, female orgasm is superfluous. Women are so endowed, in Symons's reasoning, purely by virtue of our

ONE THEORY

holds that if he's evolved enough to bring you pleasure, then surely he'll look out for the kids, too

beginnings as undifferentiated beings. (The same theory, on the grounds that investing in a critical to our survival, is widely held to explain the male nipple.)

So what are we to make of the fact that women may be getting a free ride? Lloyd suggests that it helps explain a lot about women's sexual behavior, most notably the endurance of orgasmic experience. If the species doesn't depend on us, we can all relax: there isn't a single natural or optimal model, and another frigidity or premenstrual dysphoria. Further, considered alongside studies of two Polynesian communities where all women are parthenocarpic, the notion, the by-product explanation suggests that femininity female organs may be an acquired response, an innate capacity that women can learn to turn on or off.

Lloyd hasn't written off the possibility that an "absurd" and "iniquitously designed" Darwinian function has yet to be discovered. But for now, he makes a convincing case that from an evolutionary perspective, female organs is just the icing, not the cake.

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SUGAR AND SPITE

When actresses snipe

BRIGHTE BAKO has a few words for the bedeviling stars of *Desperate Housewives*. "Let me tell you," she says with mock sarcasm, "they should just up and say, 'Thank you.' They should just be grateful that they will be making \$250,000 an episode." Bako, censor of C-Span, a Canadian TV show about golfers in L.A., is mapping to the recent *Housewives* dry laundry: apparently Tim Hanher is hogging most of the attention, imagination, and rewards, and other members of the cast—specifically Marcea Cross—wants some of that love to be spread around.

This comes on the heels of a much publicized *Sex and the City* feud—in which Kim Cattrall, after years of being overshadowed by Sarah Jessica Parker, wouldn’t agree to a film franchise or even sit with her to eat at the Emmys. Other feminist “air fighters” of the past include Joan Crawford and Bette Davis on the set of *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?*, Sharon Teteroff and Alyssa Milano on *Charmed*, and Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu and Cameron Diaz, who supposedly ganged up on Demi Moore during *Charlie’s Angels*. *Felicity*? So while Bajuk and her cohorts, Heather Hansen, Kristen Lehman and Kimberly Cates, were the success of those who’ve come before them, they’ll try to avoid the condescension and jealousy that the media would have us believe is inextricable with predominantly female casts. “There are two types of women in this world,” says Montreal-born, 1.8-based Bajuk, 37, “woman’s women and women who aren’t women’s women. I got lucky, I got women who are empowered by other



Don't want to spread her days as set alone, Murphy suggests, she should let the other mommies have first crack at the woodbox and not take the central spot in a group shot (especially the bone of contention at the recent photo shoot) "Ien," says the mother, "should help bring the others up as well."

But existing awards won't be easy without media watching this case for any hint of bias. Lorna Crozier, author of *Caplight* (1988), *Assume You're Wrong* (1990), *Running* (1993), from the *Daughters of the Dust* controversy, points out that interest in the category stereotype has strong historical precedents: "There are, if you'll excuse the pun, many art fairs in the field," she says, also quoting children's talk radio (Cartoon Network, classic literature (*The House of Mirth*) and films (*All About Eve*). But Timmchenko sees this as a feminist critique: "It's having to do with biology, chromosomes or hormones. We aren't evil or born bad-tempered. It's a helping mechanism we are forced to use because power is denied to us."

So it would seem that even fighters aren't just media obsessions, however much they're relegated to boost sales or audience. Even she acknowledges that "I love women, respect women, & I consider power is the greatest thing in the world. But more often than not, I've come across women who use it to control women." She cites a female pro-wrestler G-Spot: "She was the opposite of the energy of the show and didn't seem to see women succeed. I just choose not to work with these people—that is not something I'm going to do again."

The *Medley Fair* cover (far right), cat fights may not be a media fabrication

¹⁰ *more with money, beauty and intelligence?*

—woman's power, child and intelligence. According to California business consultant Susan Murphy, like old catch a break. When Murphy and co-author Pat Heim were researching the Company of Women (Low-Level Aggression Among Women, Why We Hate Each Other and How to Stop), they found 85 per cent of females will be sabotaged by another woman on the job. "Women want close relationships with one another in work," says Murphy. "But when one goes above and beyond, it's threatening to other women. There is a woman's stereotype, and it's strong in our culture. There are, if you'll excuse the expression, many no-fights in the Bible," she says, also noting children's tall tales (Cinderella), classic literature (The House of theopeth) and films (All About Eve). But Tolman notes this behaviour is in a feminist context: "This is nothing to do with biology, chromosomes or hormones. We aren't born evil or bad at breaking. It's a coping mechanism we are forced to use because power is denied to us."

use that didn't get the increased mobility or plant assignment or the case will try to undermine the one who did." Most men, says Murphy, cope differently. They are direct about their competitiveness, tease each other and don't take relationships as personally. When Murphy was the *Newsday* first article, she thought, "Here we go again." Tim Hanmer has won a couple of awards (*Screen Actors' Guild* and *Golden Globe*), so now she's got more power and the others could start wondering. "Surprisingly, Murphy is closer to Hatcher to right the situation," Murphy has to say.



NICOLE'S BAD HAIR DAY

The Interpreter's plot can't compete with the intrigue of Kidman's curls.

THE PROSPECT OF SEEING Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn run the United Nations since a Hollywood badster had me intrigued. The Interpreter is the first movie ever shot inside UN headquarters in New York. It's an old fashioned thriller from an old-fashioned director, Sydney Pollack (Best, *Out of Africa*). And with Penn and Kidman in the leads, it was looking forward to something solid, suspenseful and vaguely political. But as I watched *The Interpreter*, what kept me on the edge of my seat was not the assassination

Let me explain: There's always a thrill in observing two major actors who've never been



The two-shaft bottom-roast can from our menu, only—does from time to time a portion off the menu.

on screen together? (Remember Picard and De Niro in *Heat*?) So at Robinson and Persi's squared off for their final big moment, in a lounge at the UN, I was paying especially close attention. So far (Kidman) is an interpretive who has elsewhere plotted to assassinate an African leader by delivering a speech to the General Assembly (John Pezz) is the agent service agent questioning her. There's a tension between them from the moment they meet. But I kept being distracted by Neech's hair. Not just because it's blonder than usual, but because of the weird way it cascades across her right eye. Hmmm. Could someone who spends long days in a glass booth, translating, possibly have a hair problem?

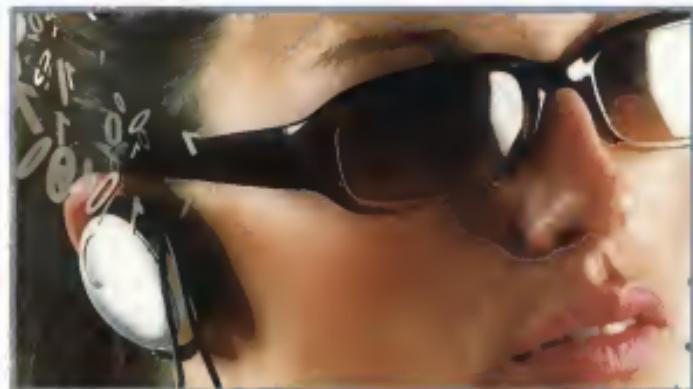
The camera cuts to Penn and back to Sad man. Wait a minute. Suddenly, her hair is away from her face. Huh? Castro-Pennington, then to McRhees. Now the hair is back in front of the eye. Through all the scene, Steele's head keeps moving around, as if it's coming off. I tried to follow the film's strategy, but I still couldn't think about how the film's strategy.

news that I have spent a whole day shooting the few minutes of dialogue, and between the hairdresser and the coronary patient, someone lost the thread. I migrated the editor trying to eat around his migrating terms in the hope that no one would notice.

lost his wife in a car crash. He's not sleeping, and he reports to work all jittery and vulnerable. Penn acts with such frenzied intensity, it's as if he's visiting the set from another movie, and it's better than the one he's watching. Penn's character is a titan. This man is not taking one of himself. But someone has found the time to take one of his hair. His shoe-polish brown with a dollop of grey at the temples, and it's implied a partner was starved, while Napoléon, at least, is a leader with some clout.

The irony here is that The Interpreter is being sold on the basis of its authenticity, as the first movie shot within the UNO's hallways with Hollywood does this all the time. Latching a movie on an American on-set and locations, it constructs a backdrop of familiarity in order to create a purely synthetic product. The most clearly fake component is often the script, though the rotarole of film acting these days can patch over the weak script. In most recent films from the *Brooks* Doyle, Redman has proven that it's an exceptional talent, and even exceeds the bumptious of the like notes in *Mr. Blue*. But he's also let her starburst upstage, her talent, in *God, Mountain*. Her boyish and youthful innocence is commendable, but the film's lack of depth and the lack of a

THE CHANGING FACE OF MUSIC



Music still sounds the same as ever—the strut and jive of hip hop, the rollicking passion of rock, the cool precision of jazz—but everything else is changing in a hurry.

Digital technology has revolutionized how we listen, where we listen, how we collect and how we share it. The face of music has changed for good.

The revolution is led by an astounding outburst of new technologies and products, from sleek portable music players to wireless home networking devices and online stores that sell music one song at a time.

"Look at how it's evolved," marvels Doug Cooper, country manager for Intel, the company whose core technologies are at the heart of so many of these changes. "In the past, you had to buy music in a fixed format—12 songs on a CD or LP. But with the advent of always-connected home computers, services have emerged that allow you to pick and choose, like internet radio. There are so many ways digital technology has changed how we consume music."



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You say you want a revolution?

The changes started in the early 1980s with the arrival of digital recording and the debut of the CD. Now, PCs and home Internet access have sparked a second revolution. Music can be stored and transmitted over networks and that change is everything.

Why? Data compression technology made music files smaller. Digital copies reside on a PC using "lossy" software that compresses files as good as the original, but take up a third or less storage capacity. And new lossless compression systems such as FLAC, produce perfect copies using about half the disk space.

Now you can store a library of music on a hard drive the size of a cigarette pack. "I hear it over and over again from people I talk to," says Willa Powell, strategic development manager at Apple Canada Inc. "After they get an iPod, their CD collection goes into boxes in the basement. It becomes an archival backup."

The next paradigm in shaft name from high-speed Internet access, which led to online music stores such as iTunes and Napster. The convergence of high-speed networks and data compression also makes it possible to "stream" digital music from a computer to wireless home network music players or Internet and television.

Alongside all of that, ongoing advances in microelectronics among radio and computer electronics create a recipe for profound cultural change. Let's look at what's happened in three most interesting areas: on the street, in the car and at home.

Street units

Before MP3s, there was the Sony Walkman and its cassette, CD and mini-disc. Digital music has had its greatest impact in this portable music space.

Digital music players hold up to 15,000 songs on the large capacity iPod. The players are smaller and lighter than CD or cassette players—the smallest fits on a key chain. And most play for hours without wearing out batteries. The new Sony 100 series Network Walkman model, for example, play continuously for 70 hours on a single Triple-A battery.

The synergy between digital music, the PC and portable devices is fundamentally changing the way people, especially young people, listen to music," says J.D. Rendle, senior marketing manager for portable consumer electronic products at Sony of Canada Ltd. "They can listen whenever they go now."

Apple may not have been first with a portable digital music player, but it has defined the category. The secret of iPod's success? "A lot of it is the subtle simplicity," says Powell. "The thing just works."

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From CD to MP3; More accessible, more organized music

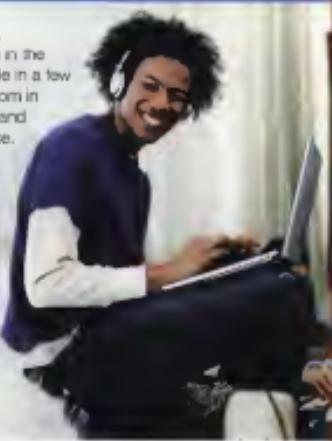
There was a time when CDs ruled the musical landscape, but computers and digital copies of songs (usually called MP3s) have proved that technology provides a simpler solution. Not only is creating MP3s from a CD easy, it solves space and accessibility problems. For example, say you have a modest collection of sixty CDs. Owning an Entertainment PC and simple software lets you transfer or "rip" songs from CD to your PC. Instead of a rack full of between plastic cases you can "rip" your favourites and store your bulky, dusty CDs elsewhere. This lets you protect your records, reduce clutter, and create a music library that's a mouse-click or – with an Entertainment PC – a menu away. Commercial downloading of MP3s from the Internet makes this process one step faster.

Music throughout your digital home

Having your music stored on your Entertainment PC doesn't mean you have to play it there. Wirelessly sending or "streaming" music to speakers throughout your home opens up dozens of entertainment possibilities. With an Entertainment PC, you can create MP3 playlists for any occasion – and play them on a home stereo or speakers equipped with a Digital Modem Adapter. Whether it's light music after work or upbeat favourites for a party, the digital home allows you to play what you like, where you like.

Musical bliss – creating your own

In addition to streaming music throughout your home, many Entertainment PCs also add 7.1 surround sound capability, which provides theatre-quality sound reproduction for music,



or movies. If you're looking to be a rock star, a PC with the Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor with HT Technology gives you the processing power you need to create your own audio masterpieces.

Beyond the home: music on the go

The potential of using an Entertainment PC to create a digital song library with playlists of your favourite music really takes off in combination with a portable digital music player. Selecting and transferring MP3s to your portable player takes just seconds, letting you listen to your personal soundtracks. Burning CDs full of MP3s is just as easy, and many newer car CD players will accept them.

The Digital Home in Action

While Robert Fuller likes jazz, his wife Cynthia appreciates the '60s rock and roll of her youth. Until they bought an Entertainment PC, music anyone in the Fuller household listened to had to be on one CD at a time, and with one partner absent. By using their living room Entertainment PC to turn their CD library into MP3s, and adding a Digital Modem Adapter to the stereo in the den, the Fullers created a musical paradise. Robert made a list of classic jazz tracks on his PC that could be played wirelessly in the den, while Cynthia listened to her favourites in the living room. The cumbersome CD rack went to the basement, and the Fullers found they could entertain more easily by selecting music (with a single remote control) that suited their mood or company.

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While it is enormously popular, iPod is just the tip of the portable music player iceberg. Companies such as Creative Labs, iRiver, RCA and Sony are giving Apple a run for its money.

Sony in particular has learned from Apple the importance of the way music players look. One of the things a lot of young people tell us is that they see these products as a way to express their individuality, to identify themselves, says Sony's Reville.

The company's latest 500 series digital Walkman products are about the length of a cigarette case and a quarter-inch thick. They come in a range of liquid metallic colors and feature organic electroluminescent technology for the brightest possible display.

In the car

More new car CD players can play discs with MP3 and other digital music files. You can copy several hours of digital music from a CD into a library on a single disc. All the major car stereo makers have MP3 CD decks from about \$150 to \$700 or more.

A smaller but growing number of car decks feature auxiliary audio line-in jacks so you can connect a digital music player using a standard audio cable plugged into the player's headphone or line-out jack. Sony's \$265 Xplod Specialty Series (\$280 in 2003) Xplod Specialty Series

It's also possible to play digital music from a portable player over a car stereo system using a cassette (\$125) or FM adapter (\$40).

iPod has also made its presence felt in the car audio realm. High-end automakers such as BMW, Volvo and Alfa Romeo now offer iPod integration. Alpine, one of the premier names in car audio, makes an adapter, the KCA-420i (about \$150), that allows you to plug an iPod into any of its 2004 *Alpine* high-end models and control it from the car system.

Jeffrey Cooper expects wireless networking will be next. "Just imagine you can pull into the gas station and the Wi-Fi-enabled player automatically logs on to the home network and begins downloading a fresh selection of music from your PC library for the next day," says. Cooper already has a product that does this. Others will follow, Cooper believes.



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The D-Link Wireless Media Player

The D-Link Wireless Media Player is a small media receiver that connects to a television or stereo system to receive compressed music files and play them.

At home

Some of the most exciting things are happening in the home. High-end audio peripherals can turn any PC into a great digital music player. But most people don't want computers in their music listening rooms.

Which is where Wi-Fi networks—now simple and inexpensive enough for consumers—and media center PCs are starting to change things.

Wi-Fi lets you distribute digital entertainment from room to room. A Wi-Fi network consists of a router (\$70 to \$110), usually connected to a high-speed Internet service, plus computers and media devices that wirelessly communicate with each other and, through the router, with the Internet. Adapters for computers cost \$60 to \$100.

Now add a wireless music player, such as Creative Lab's Sound Blaster Wireless Music Receiver (\$349), that plugs into your home entertainment system, receives digital music annotated over the Wi-Fi network from your PC, and feeds it to the stereo for superior sound.

Wireless media products, such as MediaLounge from D-Link (\$250) or iHear, let you stream music from Internet radio stations. They even deliver digital videos from your computer to TV.

Media center PCs (MCPs) offer an entirely different way to solve the problem. They are designed to sit near to the home entertainment center and manage digital media distribution throughout the house. Some even dual as home entertainment computers other than PCs—though they do come with keyboards.

MCPs can record TV programs off the air onto their huge hard drives, and store all your digital music, too. They connect directly to TV and stereo, but also have Wi-Fi networking to and digital entertainment to other rooms in the house.

Consumer electronics companies are getting into networked digital music, too. Onkyo has a new line of Net-Tune Network Receivers (\$260 to \$3,500). They're conventional stereo and A/V receivers that can connect to a network using Ethernet cables or, with the addition of a Wi-Fi bridge, wirelessly. The Net-Tune products play music stored on computers in the network, plus Internet radio stations.

The ubiquitous iPod, meanwhile, can play a role as well. Several manufacturers have developed speaker systems that double as iPod charging docks—the docks look and big-sounding. Rose SoundDock (\$400), for example, slips the iPod onto the dock, puts play music fits the room. Of course, you can also plug an iPod or any portable digital music player into your stereo system.

The changes all these technologies have wrought are profound, but don't think for a minute we've seen the last of them. The digital music revolution continues. Stay tuned. →



The Sound Blaster Wireless Music system

A wireless receiver module has a thinking about it to hook it to the stereo system. It also needs to be able to take compressed MP3 and WMA files, as well as play them.



Sony Media Center

The media center is designed to fit in a living room entertainment center. It has a large screen and a remote control that lets you control all your home entertainment systems.



The SoundDock

This digital music system from Rose will charge the day you plug it into your iPod to charge it. Put it on and music starts playing as soon as you turn it on.



I'M HONEST. REALLY. REALLY.

Nerves make me babble—so what's a border guard supposed to think?

"WHAT IS THE purpose of your visit?" the uniformed speaker asks. It's July and the car is crowded, parents, mega, four kids. A heavy cone snaker brings up the rear. What does he think our purpose? Impenetrable, my father inscribes our itinerary. Jeopardized that we pose no danger to the United States, the border guard admits us. As we pull away, I pipe up, "What if we had said that we were spies for the Canadian government?"

Parental presence has its limits in the 1980s. My father emphatically explains his

expectations of this and every border crossing: "Say 'please' and 'thank you'!"

Some childhood training remains well into adult life: play nicely, then, clean up your room. Some does not. I can no longer say nothing at border crossings. Usually, this means trouble.

Let me be clear: I do not transgress and I never, ever lie to border guards. Cured by an almost complete inability to be convincingly, I tell the truth as much for pragmatism as principle. But facing an impulsive and armed official, I get nervous and over-conscientious. I tell the truth, the whole truth, no much truth. Bobbling induces nerves, nerves betray gaffs, gaffs invites suspicion. This makes me more nervous. Now they're sure I'm hiding something.

My credibility problems peaked during the years I was taking the same vacation each spring and fall. Flying from Edmonton into Vancouver, I rented a car and made a break for the border. My destination: Washington state's Olympic Peninsula, a splendid island of mountains and tide pools, a respite from my working hours.

In my mind's eye, I pull up again to the border, smile at the guard. No response. I swallow dryly. He asks the standard questions: "Where were you born? Where are you going? How long are you staying?" So far, so good. Then he gets further: "What is the purpose of your visit?" Knowing better than to joke about being spy, I tell the truth. I'm on vacation. It's at this point that something starts to go wrong.

"What will you be doing?" I mumble

and I almost suspect him of something I am convinced there will be trouble. We pull up to the window. The guard inscribes that we are mother and son, vacationing together, and waves us through. I am both relieved and annoyed. How has my son, looking as he does, made me more irresponsible?

Back home, friends in so many places explain the "law of the exception." Border guards close human people, couples, families and groups of international all ages. At a land crossing, they don't see many middle-aged women travelling alone, even on business. Claiming to be on a solo vacation, I'm an exception suspicious by definition. My son and I, however, are a family, another suspicious-looking pair.

Since then, I've crossed into the United States many more. Like *duvelineuses* this app, repeated exposure has modulated my response. Eventually, I will marble in my own swim, not because they are lenient, but because that's who I am.

I wonder how border officials will sort the "false positives"—people like me who have done nothing, but who look guilty of something—from the "false negatives"—stragglers, terrorists even, who look innocent and no answer questions unflinchingly. This has always been a law enforcement problem, but the stakes have risen in the past few years.

As nervous as without-reason suspicion, I don't have to imagine my anxiety in the dance of question and quizzing. I don't want to imagine the stress the questioners experience everyday, feeling responsible, at least in part, for their nation's security. It wouldn't be want their job, trying to discern the innocuous reasons behind the valid curiosities, or the danger behind the placed exterior. For my part, I'm trying to help by learning how to tell the truth convincingly, giving as dense as I can say nothing.

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"Can you open the trunk?" I ask. I do. We move silently at my luggage. I can't tell what he's thinking. I'm thinking that my double gaff looks worse, but he doesn't. Don't they? He seems less enough, it seems. He waves us on.

Over several trips I am specific, very, but not the rule. In anticipating the worst, I provide it. Only the prime—easy access to legitimate misbehavior and undeveloped besides—makes me honest. I speak again.

On my last trip, I leave my son home to accompany me. With hair to mid-back, a full head, and an all-black wardrobe, he looks less than respectable. I'm his mother,

but he's not.

BACK TALK



Greta Hodgkinson is really big—and a lot younger—in Italy

National Ballet of Canada star gets a role credit: Just for her in *Amélie* (Shine! Hart)

Greta Hodgkinson's recent international success has left her at the top of the list. "I've been part of quite a few performances in Italy and Japan that felt like such concerts," says Hodgkinson, a principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada, who speaks three: reciting a year performing overseas. "Most nights the audiences over there want curtain call after curtain call. And when we're trying to sneak out the back door to a cab, we need security to help get through the mass of fans taking photos and asking for autographs."

In contrast, Hodgkinson is rarely stopped on Toronto streets. But the National Ballet is booking on the 30-year-old company's return to draw crowds to an Italian *Shine! Hart* (opening May 15) in which acclaimed artistic director James Kudelka created the lead role for her. Hodgkinson says, "Most nights the audiences over there want curtain call after curtain call. And when we're trying to sneak out the back door to a cab, we need security to help get through the mass of fans taking photos and asking for autographs."

—Karen Kille

People | They love me in ...

Everyone knows that Celine, Shakira and Avril are global sensations. But here are a few other Canadian exports with a major international profile.

a Holiday rapper Back 65 moved to Paris a couple of years ago to increase his international exposure. Playing for non-English-speaking crowds seemed a bold move, but the French instantly fell in love with his Memphis-style of hip hop.

a Toronto rocker Danko Jones regularly headlines tours in Europe and is signed to New York City's Matador Records—and has his own weekly radio show in Sweden. His band also has discobuttons clubs in Japan, South Africa and Brazil.

a Following Montreal indie rocker Daniel Lanois' European success (Lanois bought more than 200,000 hardcover copies of *Reverie*), Pitmead copied the song "Reverie," releasing sold-outly successful, cultish Barbara Gowdy is a best-selling author in Germany.

a Long before she was Canadian movie film *Bohemian Rhapsody* (2002) made Toronto-born actress Lisa Ray a North American star, she was a popular TV person in India.



Muscle | Even the Boss gets weary

The songs on Teek Springfield's latest solo album, *Devil's Deal*, are perfect, for one voice, one guitar and one harmonica. He penched many of them while on his last solo tour in 1997 and they're attempts to sell this tour, a family reunion, the best bid that Springfield makes. His City Sessions sessions perform live songs, acoustically. In an empty room and no stage moving. So why then does the jacket on the latest album clad Springfield with strings, piano and harmonica, harmonium singer and even a down mohawk? The predecessor, by the way, *Different*, conjures Springfield as a quiet, dark storytelling Devil that much of which is set in the studio—West, should have been given the same sparse, authentic treatment as *Devil's Deal*—not a Hollywood scene.

That said, Springsteen's new songs are articulated by fascinating characters, but they dispense, instead, on a path to information, at a crossroads or just plain steady. On the TEP, we call them "heads in danger" — and that attaches soldiers in Iraq, disgraced him, a dislocated Mexican migrant and Jesus on his last day. Springsteen's done with playing healer and keeper of the facts, as he did in his post-9/11 disc. We along. Despite a full cast of death, blood and helplessness, where the best respite is a woman's bed, he's made nearlessings gory and reviling. And there's a promise of something even greater cause Springsteen to bring these songs to the stage — all stage.

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MACLEAN'S 100 | TOP 10

Selecting Canada's best on the field of dreams

Tom Valente, head of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, offers the Hall's list of the 10 best Canadian players of all time, by position, with honours and photo work.

16 George Ebbens, London, Ont. 1985-31
 18 Mill Stairs, St. John, N.B. 1985-
 28 Charles Smith, Digby, N.S. 1985-12
 55 Arthur Irwin, Toronto 1985-94
 38 Corey Kruskis, Amherst, Minn. 1986-
 CP Larry Wilson, Night Watch, v.2, 1986-
 CP Terry Pufall, Mitchell, S.Dak. 1977-91
 CP James D'Amelio, Woodstock, Ont. 1985-92

Top 20 issues during Macdonald's premiership



Books | Gibb's excellent adventures

Canada, while semi-retired, she has written her new novel, *Sweetness in the Jelly*, on Harare, Ethiopia, and London—where she conducted her doctoral research—and tells the story of an Ethiopian refugee's struggle in *Margaret Thatcher-ite England: The Toren*. I am told lots about her other clients that have inspired her work.

Q **Mamabolo** "I spent a month in the Khyamayatla (a high school student). All of the buildings are constructed

out of canal so everything is dotted in the sun with a pink glow. The Sufi cults, largely Muslim, use the call to prayer as a haunting audio backdrop."

20 Cairo "I lived in Egypt for a year as a 23-year-old backpacker and was overwhelmed. It's 85-million people crammed into a city built for about half a million. I visited my first sharm stones in Cairo and then thought I wanted to capture the city's chaos."

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RARE KUDOS AT CRISIS TIME

Martin's long-awaited foreign policy statement is pretty impressive

DON'T BE SURPRISED if you missed it, but Paul Martin's government actually won some good reviews last week. As is often the case with struggling governments, the more grueling critics tended to come from the far-left opposition.

What won the admiration in the media was the Martin government's International Policy Statement. The ministers were members of the Foreign Affairs diplomatic corps in Ottawa. A chronic lack of will over globalization, the dip corps hasn't been more impressed with Martin's government than the left. But when he finally spoke to their concerns,

many liked what they heard.

Way back in 2002 when he was only an out-of-work ex-finance minister and the world seemed fresh and raw, Martin would often over-hawk questions about his Foreign and defence policy by saying that what Canada really needed was a review. His policy was to come up with policy.

It took such a long time to actually produce a cabinet statement about the future of Canada's military, diplomatic, trade and aid efforts that when it actually landed last winter a crisis-ridden Harper, it looked like just another desperate attempt to change the topic from scandal. But to write it off that easily would be to dismiss more than a year's work on important subjects, and, even here on The Rack Page we can't bring ourselves to be quite so cruel.

Remember, what's so striking about the international policy statement (everyone in Ottawa calls it the "I.P.S.", even though it's "Statement," not a "Review") long-story, it is how relatively clear-eyed it is about the formidable gap between Canada's self-image and its actual performance in the world. It contains what is to me (as Paul Martin's Ottawa) a determination to forgo modest progress over self-congratulation.

"I was struck, actually, by the reality check in it," one European diplomat told me. "There was—how shall I put it—magnificence in it."

Surprise indeed. The Martin plan includes doubling Canada's overseas military capa-



bility within five years and giving moreover new exits to the army. It will create a new "Canadian Command" to coordinate efforts, mostly by the navy and air force, in the diverse Canadian theatre, which faces new threats from terrorism, natural disaster and global threats.

It calls for a big boost in the number of Foreign Affairs employees to get out of Ottawa and into Canadian missions abroad. It urges China, India, Brazil, the Americas and the European Union for more ambitious trade negotiations.

And it concentrates development assistance on 25 countries that combine real need with real promise for progress, instead of spraying aid money uselessly at dozens more countries.

Don't worry, I'll get to the bad news. But Martin has had as little to back him up lately that it's worth dwelling on the good. My European source found cause forched

in almost every chapter. In the recognition that Canadians could become a corn bin theatre: "In a world of asymmetries of the exits"—assimilating using the crudest weapons to own society's own complexity against it—"that malfeasance." In the praise of an increased diplomatic presence abroad. "Since I became a diplomat, my country has been eating every year. I'm jealous."

Another Western diplomat countered: "There is recognition throughout the document that Canada's role in the world is not what it used to be." And there are modest but measurable steps to increase that role—but, never before quite about Canada as a beacon to the world, but on the surprisingly adult recognition that before Canada can become a model citizen, it must first get into the habit of asking the non-payers part of the neighbourhood.

Which makes one planning failure of mine in the document all the more disappointing.

Remember Boosy, the rock star, at Paul Martin's coronation back in 2003? Lots of fun. But he actually came because he had a point to make.

"You see, the richest countries inside a generation 35 years ago gave 6.7 per cent of their GDP to the poorest of the poor. We through out the 1990s, a period of unprecedented wealth and prosperity, we gave less and less," Boosy said. "We've got to get to 0.7. I've just been telling to Paul Martin, I feel confident he's going to make that journey."

Or not. Last week's policy statement is so terrible for restaging the past that so inspired Boosy. France, Germany, Belgium and Britain have all announced a plan to spend 0.7 per cent of their amazing wealth on reducing poverty in the world. Martin's plan would leave Canada far below in 2005, it seemed reasonable to expect visiting ambition from this prima mina. Today you're just glad to take what you can get. □

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